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a Time...

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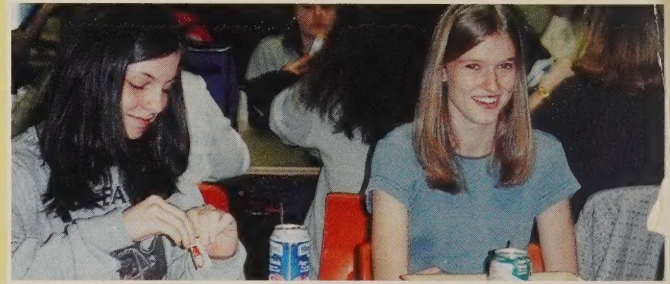
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Once Upon a Time...



WE CARE A LOT!!!

Virginia High School senior girls show their spirit (and how much they care) during VT Week. The girls spent the previous night bonding while making their costumes.

EAT UP!!!

Sophomores Bobby Sue Whitley and Brandi Greg enjoy one of Virginia High's 25-minute lunch periods.

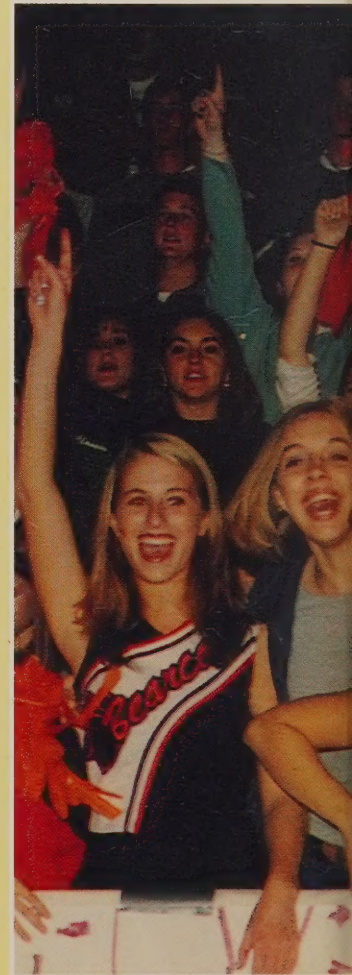


The theme for our yearbook is Once Upon a Time... The yearbook staff is enthusiastic about this theme and we have worked hard to make it unique. High school is a magical experience for those willing to make the best of it. High school is a wonderland of social interaction and valuable real-life lessons. However, once the clock strikes twelve, the fantasy is over.

Life in high school has many fairy-tale qualities. These time-honored tales have gone from bedtime stories to inspiration. What little girl does not dream of becoming Cinderella on prom night? What little boy does not dream of being the heroic knight who makes the winning goal or tackles the evil Viking? High school is full of gnomes(freshmen), dragons(rival teams), wizards(administration) and guiding spirits(teachers).



BOSOM BUDDIES- Seniors Elizabeth Smith, Rynnie Horner, and Elena Schiano spend their lunch studying at the senior picnic tables.



So come in, come in. Welcome to our world
Witness as our year of enchantment is unfurled.

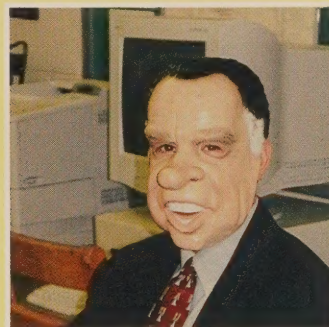


A TOOTHY GRIN-

Coach Eddie Icenhour flashes his teeth during all the excitement of the mock beauty pageant.

MUSICAL MOUNTAIN-

Band members build a pyramid while clowning around during a summer practice session.

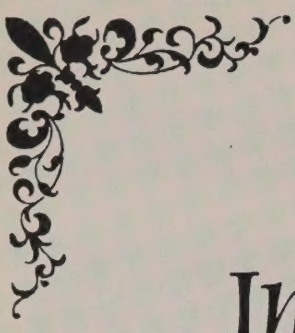


"I AM NOT A CROOK"-

President Nixon (or is it senior Josh Norton?) drops by the high school for Halloween dress-up day during V-T week.

BEARCAT PRIDE-

Virginia High School students join the cheerleaders in boosting home-team spirit at a football game.



Invitation

If you are a dreamer, come in,
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer..
If you're a pretender come sit by my fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.

Come In!

Come In!

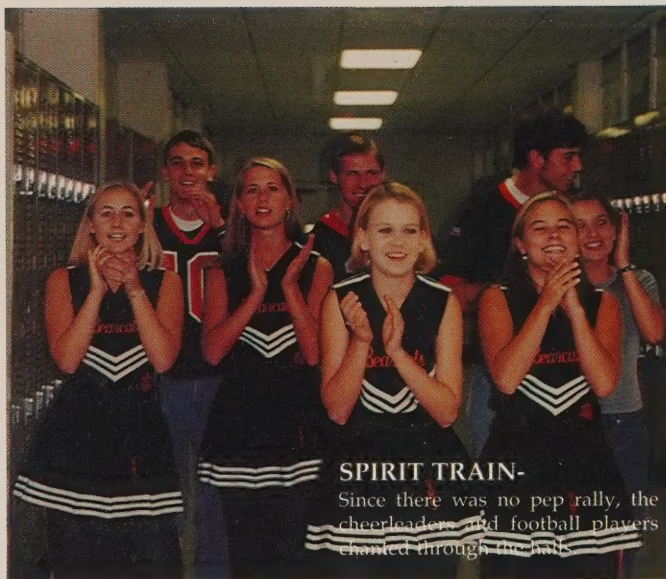
Where the Sidewalk Ends

by Shel Silverstein



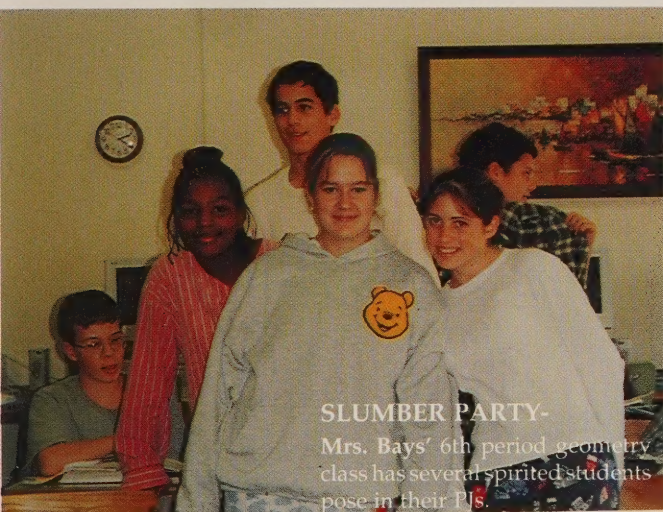
BAND BEAUTIES-

Freshman Kelly Testerman and Sophomore Sarah Blackley smile as they take a break from livening up the crowd.



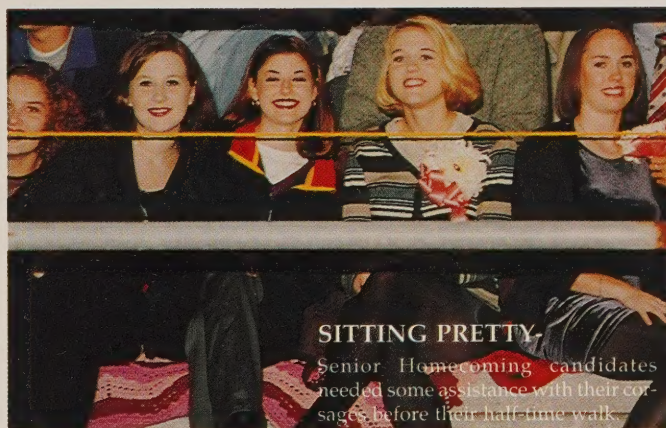
SPIRIT TRAIN-

Since there was no pep rally, the cheerleaders and football players chanted through the halls.



SLUMBER PARTY-

Mrs. Bays' 6th period geometry class has several spirited students pose in their PJs.



SITTING PRETTY-

Senior Homecoming candidates needed some assistance with their corsages before their half-time walk.



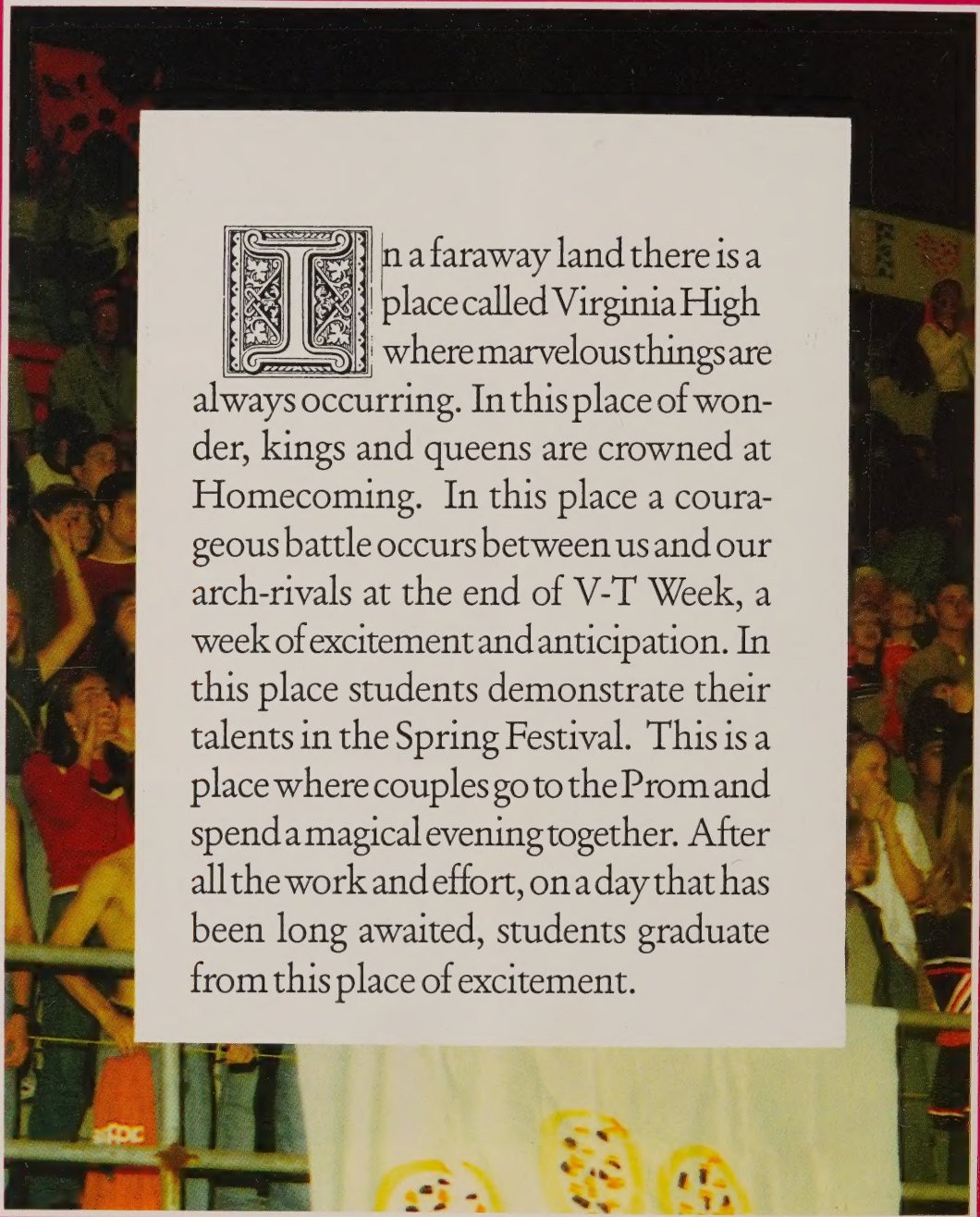
BEARCAT PRIDE-

VHS students showed up to support the Lady Bearcats' awesome basketball season.

SENIOR SPIRIT-

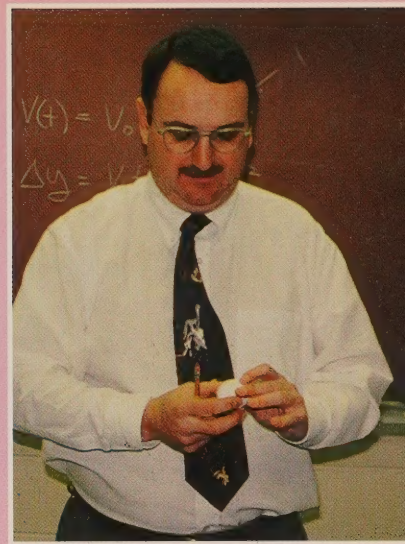
VHS seniors show their spirit at the game as they enjoy their last hurrah at the final football game.





In a faraway land there is a place called Virginia High where marvelous things are always occurring. In this place of wonder, kings and queens are crowned at Homecoming. In this place a courageous battle occurs between us and our arch-rivals at the end of V-T Week, a week of excitement and anticipation. In this place students demonstrate their talents in the Spring Festival. This is a place where couples go to the Prom and spend a magical evening together. After all the work and effort, on a day that has been long awaited, students graduate from this place of excitement.

A Magical Place Where



Dreams
Come
True



Special Times at...

Virginia High





VHS *v s* THS

The Cats and Vikes Go Head-to-Head for the 82nd Time

The V-T Week is a chance for students to show their support for the football team and also to show their own creativity. This year students had a chance to dress up on Pajama Day, Hippie Day, Tacky Day, Halloween Day, and Black and Orange Day. Many activities were also held in the evening to support the football team such as bowling, Gatti's night, church night, and the bonfire. There was also a dunking booth and the annual V-T pep rally which includes the Mock Beauty Pageant.

This years V-T game was, to say the least, a very exciting game. We came out early with a big rushing touchdown which led to a total of 243 yards on 46 tries. The defensive team also made some big plays along with two interceptions. Even though the Vikings edged us out 31-20, it was a great showing for our football players and fans.

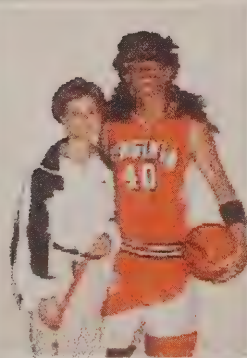
HOLD ON!!!- Seniors **Dustin Mullins** and **Stevan Rainero** enjoy a ride on the motorcycle simulator at Mr. Gatti's Pizza. Gatti's night is just one of the many activities the students were involved in on the evenings during V-T week.



LIFE IN PLASTIC-Amy Tolley and Stevan Rainero, dressed as Barbie and Ken, place first in the annual Mock Beauty Pageant. The Barbie trend gets more popular every year.



CHECK IT OUT- Allison Bowman and Tyler Kirk, dressed as librarians Mr. Barret and Mrs. Saunders, place second. Mrs. Saunders is very popular among the students and is featured in this year's dedication.



THANKS COACH- Kacey Wilson and Ryan Dunn, dressed as Coach Reed and Sherell Sowho, place third. Sherell and Coach Read made a good combination on and off the



ON A ROLL- Elizabeth Smith and Justin Norton, dressed as Dirk Diggler and Roller girl from Boogie Nights, show their school spirit by representing the senoir class in the Mock Beauty Pageant.



GREAT BALLS OF FIRE- The Bonfire burns high and intense for the evening pep rally. The Bonfire is a custom held the evening before the game in which the senoir football players throw a viking dummy in the flames.

HEADSUP!!! Sham Hatcher, Troy Kidd, and Justin Norton defend a pass play by the Vikings. The secondary defense is very important to the denfensives side of the ball to prevent aerial.



LAST WORDS- D.A.R.E. officer Sargeant Maples awaits his doom in the dunk tank. The dunk tank was a way to get the faculty involved and raise money for the SADD club.

ANGELS ON THE FIELD- A group of girls run onto the field as the players to come out to try to pump them up. The V-T was by far the most exciting game of the season.

V-T Week Highlights

MIXED NUTS-Amanda Pippen, Holly Halstead, Justin Norton, Elizabeth Smith, Sherell Sowho, and Alyson Bowman show their school spirit by dressing up for Halloween. There were a variety of costumes seen the halls of Virginia High School.



PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC- The VHS Marching band, directed by Mr. Phelps, prepares to pump up the crowd with another Bearcat spirit song. The band always gives support to their athletic teams.

THS-WHAT?- A group of loyal Bearcat fans paint their chest in the cold winter weather. This group of fans pumped up the crowd and also got the cross town rivals involved.





WHO CARES?- This group of school spirited Bearcat seniors does. A group of freinds decide to dress up as each Care Bear. This gave the girls a chance to come together and celebrate V-T Week.

LEADERSHIP IS KEY- Senior **Justin Norton** takes Coach Locke's signals and executes them on the field. Justin takes charge of the team on offense and keeps things in sync.



KING OF THE HILL- Senoir **Kevin King** takes time from the game to pose for a picture on the sidelines. Kevin was one of the five senoirs that led the team this year.

PILE UP- Michael McInnis, Troy Kidd, **Forrest Pauley**, and company try to run down a Viking ball carrier. The Bearcats scramble towards the ball in case it is knocked out and is up for grabs.

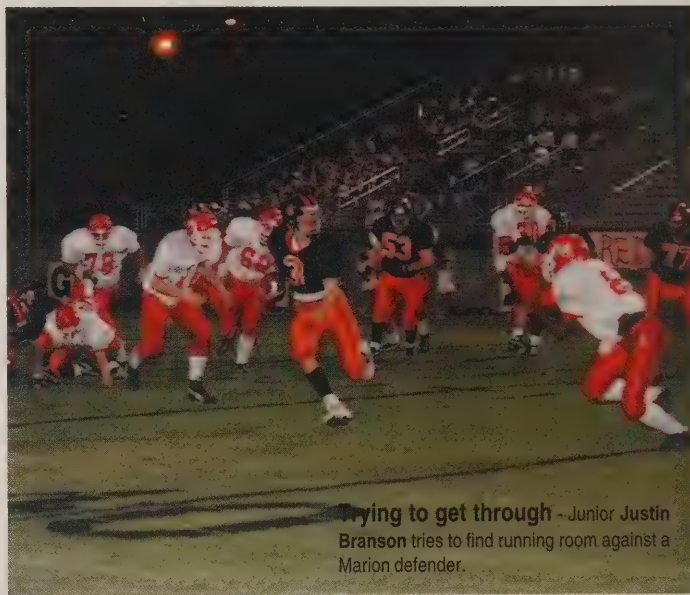
Homecoming

1998

Behold!! A time when queens are crowned.

The week of Homecoming started on October 5. Everyday of that week students showed that they were true Bearcats by dressing in a certain style of clothing. On Monday, people ran out of their homes in their sweatsuits. Tuesday was Nascar Day and everyone wore their racing hats and shirts. Wednesday was Tacky Day. Everyone just threw an outfit together and made it a point to be tacky. Thursday was Hippie Day, which is always enjoyable. Students dressed in their favorite bell-bottoms and tie-dyed shirts. Friday was Orange and Black Day, when everyone had a chance to display their Bearcat pride. Painted faces, colored hair, and extreme style were shown during this week. Friday night the annual event of crowning the Homecoming Queen took place at the football game. **Amber Arnold** was chosen to be the 1998-1999 Homecoming Queen. She was crowned by last year's Homecoming Queen, **Krista Burnette**. After the football game, students celebrated the football players' effort at the Homecoming dance. As always Homecoming was a memorable event that will be cherished by many.

Sarah Tipton



Trying to get through - Junior Justin Branson tries to find running room against a Marion defender.



1st runner-up - Elizabeth Smith escorted by **Tyler Kirk**.

"Elizabeth is a very strong-minded, school spirited, attractive young lady. She was well deserving of 1st runner up, and I was honored to be her escort."

Tyler Kirk



2nd runner-up - Ashley Moss escorted by **Brad Stophel**.

"I think Ashley represents Virginia High very well because she is a good leader, very talented, has a great personality and a real easy person to get along with."

Brad Stophel



3rd runner-up - Kacey Wilson escorted by **Josh Norton**.

"Kacey is a fine young lady. She deserves her place in Homecoming."

Josh Norton



4th runner-up - Amy Tolley escorted by **Stevan Rainero**.

"Amy is an all-around great girl. I enjoyed escorting her."

Stevan Rainero



The 1998-1999 Homecoming Queen - Senior Amber Arnold was crowned the coveted Homecoming Queen and escorted by Virginia High School principal Larry Lusk.

A Time for Friends - Smiling faces, good friends, and pretty dress clothes make Homecoming a special time. Seniors April Reed, Lea Sims, Katie Hall, Alyson Bowman, and Kristen Alley relax and have a good time during the game.



The Homecoming Contestants - The new Homecoming Queen, the former Homecoming Queen, the crown-bearers, the contestants, and their escorts all pose on the game field. It is a Virginia High tradition that the reigning queen present the crown to the new queen.



The Younger Version - Zack Kristofek and Lauren Halstead walk together in Homecoming. Lauren carried the crown for the new homecoming queen. "I liked carrying the crown, it was fun!" Lauren said.

Forever

Friends

*Call 'em buddies, amigos, or pals, but they're **always** called your friends.*

Two's Company, Three's A Crowd

- Seniors **Jean Mulumba**, **Elizabeth Smith**, and Junior **Parker Gemmell** spend their "fun time" by hanging out and socializing at the Girls' basketball game. Sporting events are a great place to support your friends and make new ones.

My Girl - Junior **John Friend** and Sophomore **Amanda Justice** spend quality time by snuggling up for a photo at the Homecoming dance.



Hippie Chicks!! - Sophomore **Emily Smith**, Freshman **Kathryn Rainero**, and Junior **Paige Smith** pose together as 1976 Seniors friends during VT Week. It is the dream of many to finally become the big dog!

The Final Score Is - Football games bring Freshman **Mindy Fields**, Seniors **Katie Hall**, and **Lea Sims** and Freshman **Misty Morgan** together to cheer on the 'Cats during the 82nd Annual VT Game. School spirit is a great way for friends to become closer by creating banners and spending time together.



Coaches **Alex Todt** and **Carter Baker**, the "hardheaded" type of friends, have known each other since the arm-wrestling days on the steps of Stonewall Jackson Elementary School.



Like salt and pepper go together, so do best friends **Linda Kristofek** and **Sue Melkowski**. Both enjoy running before and after school, eating lunch together, and organizing the Prom Committee.



Two of A Kind - Seniors Tracy Decker and Amy Tolley spend their time together on a school function at Jonesboro Storytelling Days. Tracy and Amy enjoyed their fourth and final trip to Jonesboro this October.

We've Got Spirit - Sophomores Merideth Lawson, Allison Smith, and Andy Moore hang out during half-time to catch the footballs thrown by cheerleaders. These balls are a memento of their high school days.



Natural Gal - Seniors Candy Whicker and Brad Stopfel are two "hippie friends" decked out for Homecoming Week. The dictionary says that hippies were young people who rejected conventional society. Groovy.



Peace Man! - Seniors Candy Whicker and Brad Stopfel are two "hippie friends" decked out for Homecoming Week. The dictionary says that hippies were young people who rejected conventional society. Groovy.

Spring Festival Court

1999 Mr. & Miss Virginia High
Ryan Dunn & Natalie Meade

1st Runners-Up

Josh Kistner & Elizabeth Smith

2nd Runners-Up

Tyler Kirk & Emily Smith

3rd Runners-Up

Stevan Rainero & Kacey Wilson

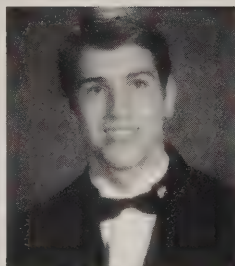
4th Runners-Up

Justin Norton & Katie Hall

1999 Spring Festival Court- Left to Right - Justin Norton, Katie Hall, Tyler Kirk, Emily Smith, Justin Branson, Ryan Dunn, Natalie Meade, Nakeisha Cato, Elizabeth Smith, Josh Kistner, Kacey Wilson, Stevan Rainero.



1999 Spring Festival



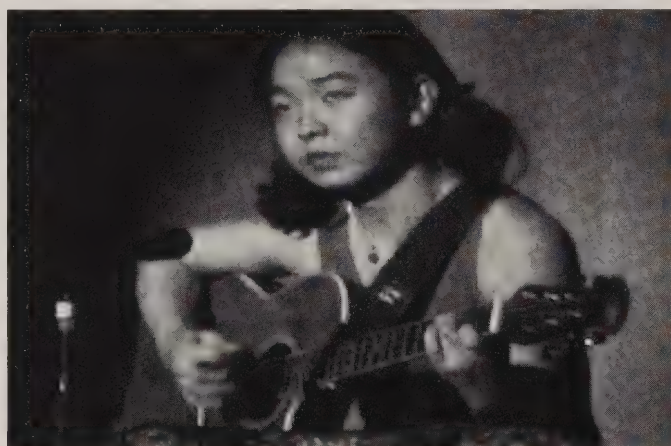
"Hosting the Spring Festival was a good experience. Dustin and I had a blast! One of the highlights was getting to see my boys, Southern Comfort!"

Stevan Rainero

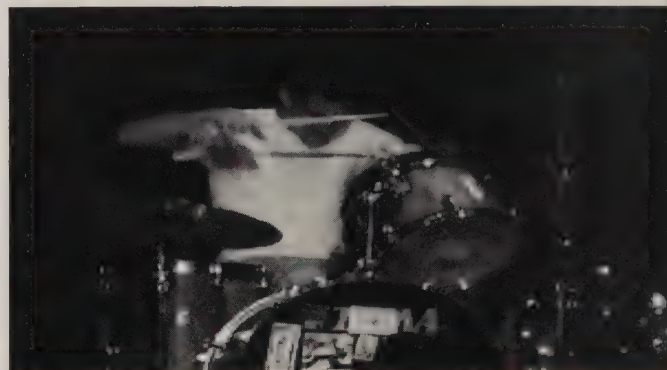


Good Evening- Senior hosts **Dustin Mullins** and **Stevan Rainero** get the show started with a brief introduction. This was their first year hosting.

Wind of Change - With her acoustic guitar, senior **Rosa Kim** picks and sings "Wind of Change." This is one of Rosa's many talents.



Swan Lake - Performing a lyrical ballet to the theme song of *Working Girl*, "Let the River Run", senior **Amy Tolley** shows her dancing talent.



Rock Around the Clock- To the surprise of the audience, Coach **Michael Locke** shakes and twists his way across the stage.

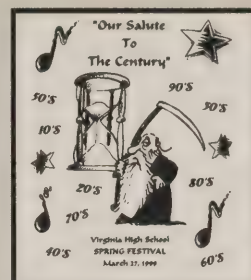
Bang On The Drum All Day- Senior **Josh Kistner** wows the crowd with his intense drum solo. Josh is part of the band *Southern Comfort*.



SOUTHERN COMFORT- Jamming on his Fender Telecaster, senior **Davey Harrison** performs his band's original composition, "Insomnia." The 1990's were a rendition of a battle of the bands.



What is it you want to hear? Lynyrd Skynyrd would be proud of junior **Matt Osborne** and Perfunktatory's cover of "Free Bird." This is a perfect example of how today's youth respects rock-n-roll icons.



Father of Time- This creative cover design was put together by senior **Justin Norton**. This is an exciting project for the Art III and IV students.



And I Live In a Van...- Matt Foley? No, it is senior **Dustin Mullins** introducing Southern Comfort. Dustin and the other hosts put together a Saturday Night Live skit before the rock fest.

"Our Salute To The Century"



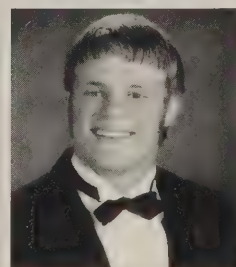
MOTOWN- Freshman **Kendall Pete** and junior **Terrell Lockett** cut the rug while senior **Kacey Wilson** sings the Temptations' classic, "Ain't Too Proud To Beg."



Get Funky- Sophomore **Matt Blevins** gets funky on the bass during his band's performance of Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze."

"I had a great time entertaining everyone at the Spring Festival. I especially enjoyed doing my Chris Farley impersonation for everyone."

Dustin Mullins





Imperial Majesties-Senior **Ryan Dunn** and Junior **Natalie Meade** were selected as this year's king and queen for the Spring Festival.

Let Me Entertain You-Sophomore **Wade Edwards**, with his quick fingers on the piano caused awe and fascination when he played "The Entertainer" for the festival. Since the piece portrayed the opening of the 1900s, it was the first act of the evening.

A Song of Ireland-Freshmen **Clairee Bessel** and **Rachel King** intrigued their listeners with the song, "White Cliffs of Dover." Their song depicted the decade of the 1940s.

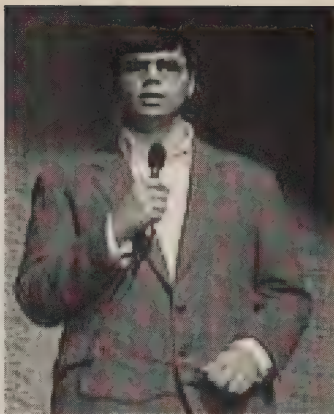


In the Army Now-Sophomore **Samantha Hayter**, Juniors **Brandi Owens** and **Sarah Woody**, and Seniors **Rosa Kim** and **Amanda Pippin** performed "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B." The Girls' Ensemble represented the decade of the 1940s.

Let's Go!-Senior **Ashley Moss**, along with the rest of the varsity cheerleaders, moved choreographically to a medley of flapper dances from the 1920s.

All in a Row-Junior **Terrell Lockett**, Freshman **Kendall Pete**, and Seniors **Clint Philbrick**, Sophomore **Lee Jones**, and Senior **Wade Edwards** captivated their listeners with "Earth Angel." Not pictured is the lead singer of the group, Senior **Noah Dutton**. The Men's Ensemble represented the 1950s.

Song of Sixpence-Sophomore **Robert Kieffer** mesmerized the audience with the song "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" His song concerns the Great Depression which took place during the 1920s.



And the Beat Goes On-Freshman **B. J. Goliday** captured the audience's attention with an original composition in the festival. His drum solo represented the decade of the 1930s.



Like Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman-Seniors **Amanda Pippin** and **Clint Philbrick** dazzled the audience with "Till We Meet Again" with **Mrs. Thomas** in the background playing piano. The pair performed this classic song to represent the 1940s.



Sock It To Me-Juniors **Lindsey Foster** and **Tara Williams** were two of several different hosts for the festival. They dressed as hippies in order to introduce the decade of the 1970s.

Technical Staff:

Stage Manager.....Andy Rest
 Lighting Crew.....Emily Monroe, chief; Jake Luskey
 Sound.....Adam Canter, chief; Alex James, Nathan Oaks
 Stage Crew.....Josh Braswell, Cassie Carden, Lindsey Foster, Skip Smith, Tara Williams, Drew Winnie, Dean Wisdom, Matt Wygal
 Stage Construction.....Drama Class: Cassie Carden, Lindsey Foster, Kaleena Franks, Alex James, Chris Leonard, Josh Littleton, Jake Luskey, Emily Monroe, Andy Rest, Tracy Teaster, Allen Whitner, Josh Wilkinson, Tara Williams, Drew Winnie, Dean Wisdom, Matt Wygal

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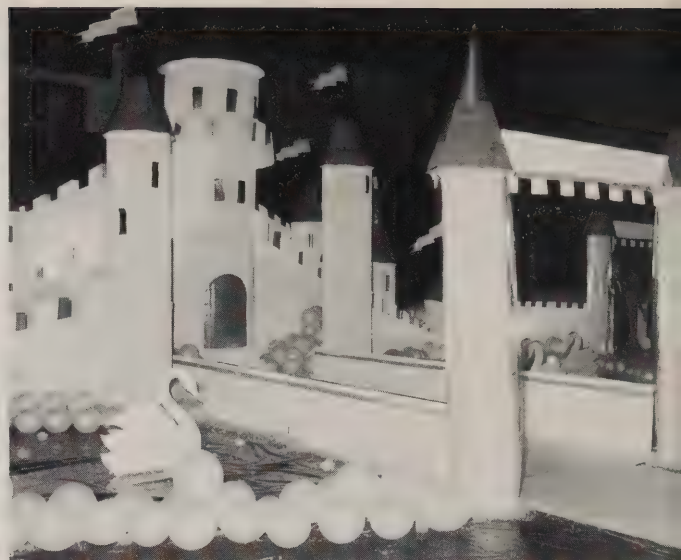
Contest Director.....Mrs. Patsy Huff
 Contest Staff.....Mrs. Joan Minnick, Miss Annette Acuff
 Hospitality.....Mrs. Nancy Simmons
 Music Director.....Mrs. Diane Thomas
 Festival Director.....Mr. Richard Rollins

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Once Upon a Time
in a faraway en-
chanted land, there
was a magical castle
filled with laughter
and dancing. A night
that princes and prin-
cesses, as well as fair-
ies will remember as
the **1999 Prom.**



Hands in the Air-
Students jam the dance
floor for the last fast dance
of the evening.



A Castle of Dreams



Hand in Hand-Junior **Shawn Fletcher** and senior **Rosa Kim** get a little closer as they dance cheek to cheek.



Love is in the Air-Enjoying each others company, juniors **Pam Hagy** and **Holly Halstead** chat with their dates, sophomores **Devin Arnold** and **Derek Rose**.

A Walk in the Clouds-Greeted by balloons and glitter, seniors **Todd Corvin** and **Danielle Cody** are perfectly positioned in a special memory before making their entrance.



May I Have This Dance?-Junior **Jessica Merritt** and her date slow dance to a romantic song.



Peekaboo-Small talk and a place to dance is all junior **Terrell Lockett** and sophomore **Sheree Gibbs** need to have a great time.

Cute Couples - Senior **Kacey Wilson** and **Ryan Dunn** along with **Ashley Moss** and her date **Joey Fields** take a rest from dancing and enjoy the scenery of the prom.



Ladies night plus one-Prom committee coordinators **Sue Melkowski** and **Linda Kristofek** enter the prom escorted by junior **Shawn Fletcher**.

Dream a Little Dream-Senior **Suzanne Senter** and her date enjoy a magical moment while waiting for the next slow dance.



Secret Agent Man-Junior **Jessica Gill** shows off her unidentified date while standing in the refreshment line.



The rug-Senior **Josh Norton** and **Parker** will boogie the night away at the 1999 prom.



The Power of Love-Senior **Adam Martin** and his date embrace each other while posing for a keychain memory.



Dance the Night Away-Senior **Josh Norton** and junior **Natalie Meade** laugh while they dance to the music provided by **Leroy Worley**.

The 1999 Prom



The Prom Committee-Mrs. Linda Kristofek, Amber McCready, Sherell Sowho, Amy Arnold, April Marrone, Cassie Carden, Erin Lucas, Holly Halstead, Sarah Woody, Mrs. Sue Melkowski, Susan Renfro, Kristy Joris, Tiffany Morrell, Andy Rest, Micah Parks, Shawn Cunningham, Terrell Lockett, Allen Whitner, Jordan Pennington, Josh Littleton.



Making an Entrance - Senior **Forrest Pauley** along with date sophomore **Allison Smith** are just starting off their enchanting prom night.

PROM 99

Friends Forever-Seniors **Brandon Matney, Lea Sims, Philip Testerman, Laura Ford, Travis Staton,** and junior **Courtney Slagle** pose for the camera as they enter the prom. Many students enjoyed attending dinner and the prom with their friends and dates.

Guess Who?-Junior **Tiffany Morrell** stands between two unknown "visitors." Through all the hard work during the weeks before prom, these committee members still found time to joke around.



Takin'a Break-Seniors **Candy Whicker, Dale Jones,** and **Matt Wheeler,** along with their dates, take a rest from dancing to talk with each other. Many students brought dates from other schools to enjoy the prom along with them.

Creators of the Castle-Juniors **Cassie Carden, Tiffany Morrell, Kristy Joris, Sherell Sowho,** and **Erin Lucas** pose in front of their finished product. Many hours were put into building the castle, which was the main prop at the prom this year.



Dancin' the Night Away-Senior **Stevan Rainero** and his date, along with senior **Justin Norton** and his date senior **Elizabeth Smith** pose for the camera. Prom was a wonderful time to socialize with friends.

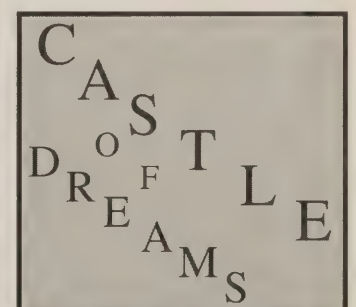


Keeping 'Em In Line-Assistant Principal **Paul Hurley** and teachers **Rose Schlatter** and **Jennifer Bostic** help serve refreshments at the prom. This is only one of many jobs faculty help with at the prom.



Standing in Line-Junior **Bryan Morrison** and his date freshman **Clairee Bessell** wait patiently to have their picture taken. Picture appointments were made all through the night, from hours before the prom, until far into the night.

A Night to Remember- Seniors **Suzanne Senter** and **Carmen Jones**, along with their dates, dance to a slow song. Many memories were created on prom night, and they will last a lifetime.





Ambur Arnold



Gwendolyn Emmert



Adam Armstrong



Janice Stapleton



Alyson Bowman



Diane Chandler



Mindy Campbell



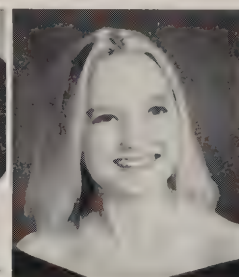
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Leslie Corum



William Earl Corum



Laura Ford



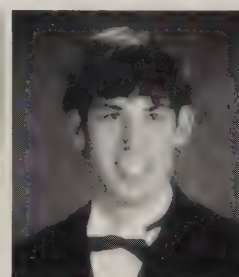
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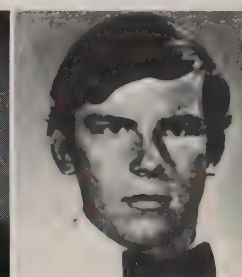
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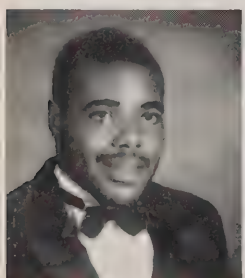
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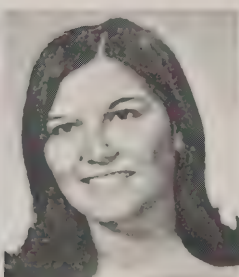
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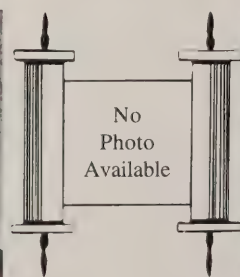
Matt Wheeler



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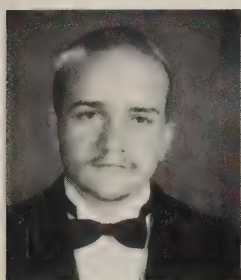
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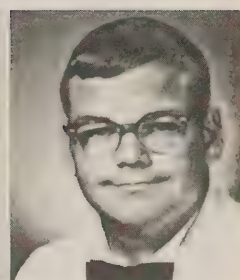
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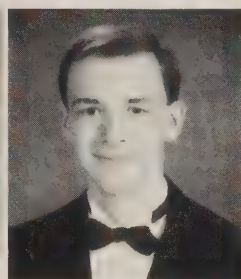
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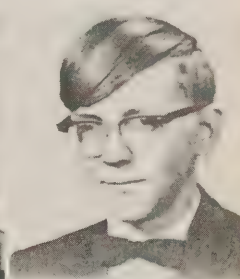
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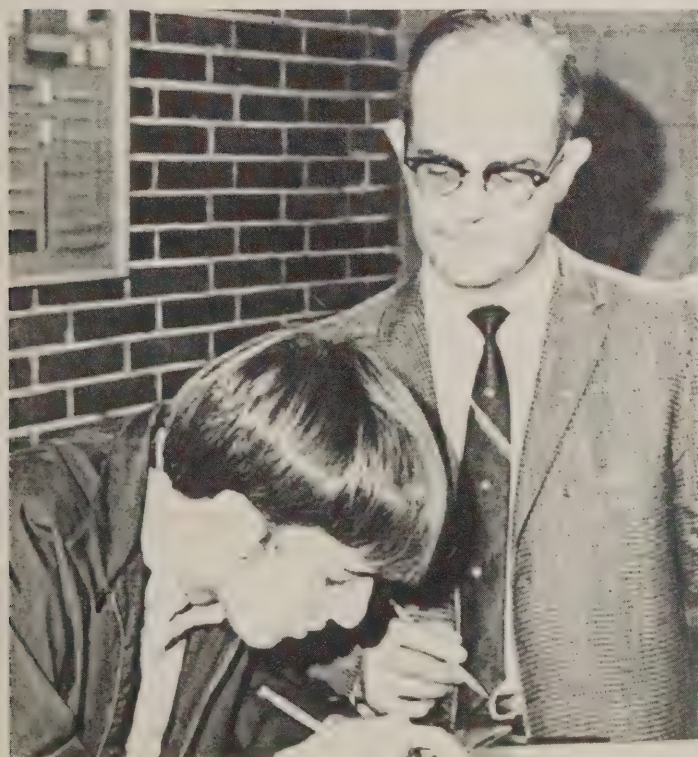
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TYING TRADITIONS TOGETHER

The 1999 yearbook staff has created a new spread to The Virginian that we hope will become a lasting tradition. Although seniors feel that parents do not understand their generation, they would be surprised that once their parents had this opinion of their own parents. How many times have we heard the many remarks from our parents like... "When I was your age I walked to school up hill both ways" or "I woke up at dawn to work, went to school, and came back home to work again and never complained." The generations have changed since our parents have gone to school, according to Mrs. Bowman. She has said that "respect for teachers has changed dramatically" or Mrs. Black quoted that "Students never drove better cars to school than teachers did." With the parents starting the tradition by graduating from Virginia High, it is now the students turn to continue the tradition by graduating from Virginia High themselves. Maybe a third generation will be next....



Pretty Pretty Princesses

This year, the Yearbook staff revived an old tradition that Virginia High School used to have called the Miss Virginian contest. It allows Senior girls to have the opportunity to enter their Senior picture for a chance to be named "Miss Virginian." These young ladies were judged by Mr. Dave Dierks, a meteorologist at the local news station, WCYB. The job that lay ahead of Mr. Dierks was not an easy one because every girl that was entered was worthy of this distinguished title. After a long, hard decision Mr. Dierks chose Ms. **Tracy Decker** as the winner, and Ms. **Heather Boord** as the runner-up.

Tracy is a very active student at Virginia High. She was a member of the Spanish, SADD, Pep, and BETA clubs and was active in the National Honor Society. She ran for Queen of Hearts her junior year, and was included in the Hall of Fame of Virginia High Seniors. She received a Good Citizen Award and is one of the editors of the Yearbook this year. Tracy has maintained a commendable GPA throughout high school and is well admired by her peers. Upon hearing about her award, Tracy said "I feel very honored that I was selected." Congratulations Tracy!

The Yearbook staff would like to thank all the entries to this contest. It was a hard decision for Mr. Dierks, and you all were qualified to win. Thank you and Good Luck in the future.

Erin Lucas



A Close Second - Senior Heather Boord was chosen as the second place winner of the Miss Virginian contest. Heather is a member in VICA, which is the club that entered her into Miss Virginian.



How's the Weather?-Dave Dierks, the Chief Meteorologist at WCYB was asked by the Yearbook Staff to choose a winner to the Miss Virginian contest. Thank you Mr. Dierks for a job well done!

Pretty as a Picture-Senior Tracy Decker was chosen as Miss Virginian 1998-1999. Tracy is very active in Virginia High activities and is well-deserving of this title.



Queens with Hearts of Gold



A Final Farewell-Senior Laura Ford decided to end her high school career with a bid for the title of Queen of Hearts 1999. She, along with the 5 other contestants raised an astounding amount of money.



Hard Worker-Junior Linds Anderson worked hard on her quest to raise money for the American Heart Association.

1999 Contestants raise an astounding amount of money for the American Heart Association.

Hot, cold, rain, or shine, three faces could always be seen in a variety of places through the month of February. These girls were the 1999 Virginia High School candidates for the annual Queen of Hearts campaign. They were Sophomore **Rebekah Hay**, Junior **Linds Anderson**, and Senior **Laura Ford**. They and their campaign managers worked diligently during the entire month of February to raise money for the American Heart Association and to vie for the title of Queen of Hearts 1999. However, these three were not alone. There were also three contestants from Tennessee High who wanted this title just as badly. All of the candidates donated almost all of their time to promoting this worthy cause. After the exhausting month of fundraising, the astonishing amount that they raised was announced at the Gala that was held for all the contestants. The best news of the night was that Virginia High School Sophomore Rebekah Hay had raised the most money and was now the new Queen of Hearts.

Senior **Laura Ford** is a very active student here at VHS. She is a member of the SADD, Art and Spanish Clubs, and is very active in the community with her church and the Bristol Regional Medical Center. Her campaign managers were Seniors **Phillip Testerman**, **Kristen Alley**, **Alyson Bowman**, and **Jessica Lee**. According to Laura, "Heart disease is a major health problem in our country. I feel education and prevention is very important and necessary to decrease pain, suffering, and loss of lives to this disease. By raising money and getting other students involved, I hope to make a difference through education and awareness."

Junior **Linds Anderson** chose Juniors **Sarah Woody** and **Sarah Blackley** as her campaign managers. Linds is an active member of the SADD and CADRE organizations at VHS and she is also a member of the band, in which she plays the trumpet. Linds says that "As in the many things in life, the need is endless for financing of research and medical care. Although my family and I contribute regularly to various non-profit organizations, I would personally like the opportunity to do my part for the American Heart Association."

Sophomore **Rebekah Hay** is also an active band member. She chose Sophomores **Jessica Puckett** and **Katie Shields** as her campaign managers. Rebekah is active in Student Government, Bristol Youth Leadership, and her church youth group. She also participates regularly in performances by Bristol Ballet Company. Rebekah believes that "running for Queen of Hearts was a great honor and wonderful way to make a difference in the community. It was also a good chance to remember both of my grandfathers. Though both are now deceased, I believe this project is a very good way to continue to honor their work." Rebekah did just that - By contributing so much time and effort, she was named Queen of Hearts 1999. Congratulations to Rebekah and the other contestants for a job well done!

Erin Lucas and Brandi Owens and Sarah Tipton

Roses are Red... - Newly crowned Queen of Hearts, Rebekah Hay, smiles for the camera after being informed of her new title. Rebekah put many hours into winning this honor.

Queen of Hearts 29

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Crazy — Seniors Brandon Matney and Kristen Alley impersonated Liv and Steve Tyler in the Mock Beauty Pageant during V-T Week.

Score — At Mr. Gatti's, Seniors Josh Norton and Brian Dellinger have a blast scoring against their opponents the week before the big game.

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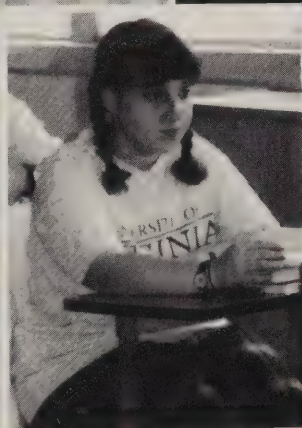
Wuz Up? On Halloween, Junior Matt Osborne decked out in his leather jacket for dress-up day. V-T week is a time for everyone to be a little kid again.

The Big Game — Coaches are faced with many tough decisions throughout each game and season. Coaches Mike Locke, Mark Daniels, and Scott Jones don't sweat the little things.



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Single! Single! Single! Josh poses for the camera as his participant in the Mock Beauty Pageant during V-T week. She was dressed in a costume from the movie Beauty and the Beast.

What's the Occasion — Senior Mitch Rainero walks Senior Kristen Alley out onto the field during homecoming. Ten senior girls are nominated to walk for the coveted homecoming crown.

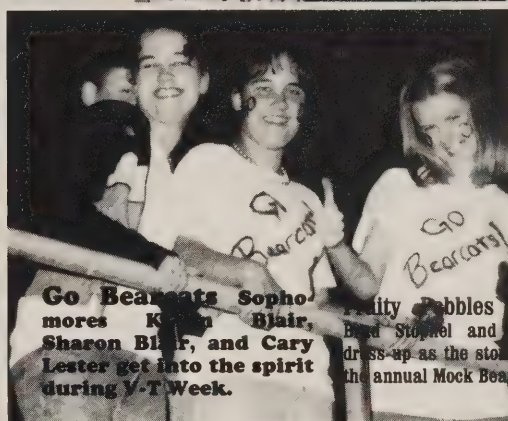
Tiempo para estudiar — Spanish I students concentrate on their selected assignment for the assignment for the day. Spanish is a cultural experience

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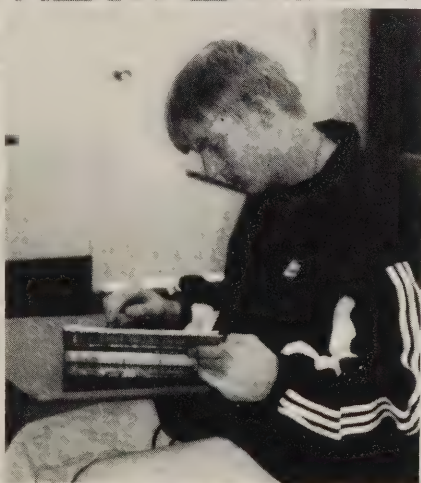
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Go Beavers Sophomores Kiana Blair, Sharon Blair, and Cary Lester get into the spirit during V-T Week.

Beauty Bubbles — Seniors Betsy Stoppel and Ashley Moss dress-up as the stone age duo for the annual Mock Beauty Pageant.

Grammar



I don't know no grammar — In Mr. Morrell's reading class, freshman Matt Walling studies his English assignment. Grammar is a necessary part of all activities in English.



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Seniors Justin Norton and Dustin Mullins were found during the V-T week dressed as their favorite motivational speaker, **Chris Farley**, of the TV show **Saturday Night Live**.

Everyone gets dressed up for the days before the big game, even those who are not all there get a dose of school spirit.



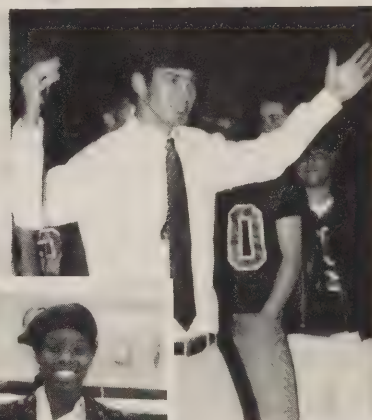
Note taking



Freshmen Rucker Sewell, Michelle Jenkins, and Amanda Balthis are having a blast taking notes during **Frank Mitchell's** **Worlds History** class.

Pep Talk

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Senior Forrest Pauley gets the crowd in a roar during the V-T pep rally. This is when everyone gets pumped for the game.



Junior Sherell Sowho takes time out of the action to show off her **pimpin' style**. Students and faculty alike had a great time seeing the costumes that everyone wore on **Dress-up Day**.

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Senior Chris Whiteaker leaves **Junior Robbie Raettig** in the dust and goes to find the next challenger.

Quiet Time



EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE R & R — LUNCH IS A GREAT TIME TO RELAX AND TAKE A BREAK FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE DAY JUST AS JUNIOR LEIGH EVANS IS DOING.

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COME WITH THE WIND — JUNIOR HOLLY HALLSTADT DREAMS THE DREAMS AS SCARLETT O'HARA ON HALLOWEEN.

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Charge!

The football team charges the field ready to make a touchdown.



Lean On Me

— These students are hanging out on the railing during their lunch watching all the excitement of V-T week.

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Teacher Miss Acuff decorates this grammar tree with various things and lets students admire the tree all year.



Good Thinking — Everyday in class students are found day dreaming, thinking, and doing other various things. Deep in thought, Senior Jeff Peck ponders the mysteries of life.

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Hands One — Many teachers try to make their teaching fun for students while learning interesting things too. Junior Joey Weitz enjoys the unique hands on teaching style of Mr. Shound.

V-T

S-P-I-R-I-T — THE BEARCAT SPIRIT IS ALWAYS AT ITS BEST DURING V-T WEEK, THE WINDOWS AND DOORS WERE DECORATED WITH SPIRITED DESIGNS AND SLOGANS.



Windy



BUNDLE UP — BAND MEMBER AND SENIOR ROSA KIM BUNDLES UP WHILE PLAYING FOR THE COBB. WINDY FOOTBALL GAME.

Who's Who — Seniors Brian Dellinger and Justin Norton dress as their favorite role models on Halloween.



Mister X

Y I K E S



Surprise, Surprise — Between classes is always a crazy time when many things happen. Sophomore Deonna Fields gets a surprise while at her locker between classes.

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Nap Time With all the students hectic lives sometimes it is hard to get enough sleep at night. Senior Brad Stophel catches some winks during class.







*T*here are many recreational festivities in this marvelous land of which many people partake.

They participate in the divine game of croquet, nicknamed "golf," and frolic to-and-fro bouncing a ball. There are barbaric men who tackle and wrestle each other for the sport of it. There are those who race each other across the moat and through the open fields. Boys and girls run and kick balls into the dragon's net. Then there are the various sports where they spike the ball and hit it with barbaric clubs. Who will ever forget the devoted damsels and heroes who distressed themselves for the honor of their land?

Bryan Morrison and Brandi Owens



Let's Get Fired Up!- The Lady Bearcats get hype before a big volleyball game. The 'Cats went 19-1 this season and hope to have as good or an even better season next year.

Down, Set, HIKE!-The Bearcat Football team gets ready for a big offensive play against Tennessee High. The annual V-T Game allowed the cross-town rivals to clash together, this year on their home field.



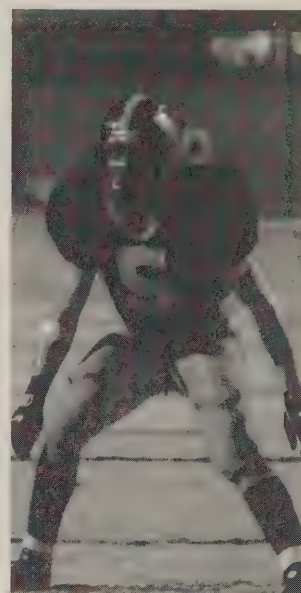
On the Move- Senior point guard Suzanne Senter brings the ball up the court during a girls basketball game. The Lady 'Cats finished their "Cinderella" season with a 24-1 record.

Celebrate- The Bearcat Baseball team celebrates after hitting another homerun. The Bearcats showed that after losing many seniors from last year, they still are a top quality team.

It's Good!!-Junior **David Meade** goes for the field goal near the 30 yard line against Tazewell. With his outstanding kicks, the Bearcats came closer to defeating their opponents.



Who Runs The Show?-Senior captains, **Troy Kidd**, **Forest Pauley**, and **Dustin Mullins** walk off the field smiling. Completing their final year as Bearcat football players hasn't brought them down. They continue to stay in charge.



Go For The Touchdown-Freshman **Langley Shazor** goes for the touchdown as his fellow teammates block.

Defense!-Senior **Forest Pauley** gets set and ready to play some hard defense.

Can't Nobody Hold This Cat Down!-Senior **Troy Kidd** fights for extra yards as two Tazewell boys try to pull him down.

Let The Games Begin!-The football players run in proud.



Head Coach Mike Locke

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Tazewell	8	20
Gate City	14	41
Abingdon	7	0
J.J Kelly	6	14
John Battle	14	48
Marion	14	17
Richlands	14	18
Lebanon	15	32
TN. High	20	31
Lee	29	47



Front Row: Brian Gurganus, Daniel Griffin, Cal Snyder, Jesse Wagner, Josh Smith, Chris Wilkey, Jon Rogers, Kenneth Hubbard, Cody Honaker 2nd Row: Tyler Goan, Jeremy Wright, Chris Morrison, Josh Shuler, Todd Rosenbaum, Ricky Hale, Bra Sproles, Sham Hatcher, Marty McCloud 3rd Row: Dean Frank, Josh Littleton, Justin Branson, Micah Parks, Matt Osborne, David Meade, Michael Brewer, Josh Braswell, Isreal Gibson, Carter Baker, Randy Hodge 4th Row: Scott Jones, Vic Kegley, Mar Daniels, Bulldog Eller, Michael McInnis, Justin Norton, Dustin Mullins, Forest Pauley, Troy Kidd, Kevin King, Antione Washington, Mike Kovaacs, Mike Locke.

"Roses of Success"

"Out of the ashes of disaster, grow the roses of success," stated head coach, Mike Locke. Knowing his team was doing poorly, he attempted to keep their heads up. To do this he looked upon the forces of his senior captains, **Troy Kidd, Forest Pauley, Dustin Mullins, Justin Norton, and Kevin King.** The captains helped prepare the younger players by teaching and listening. With this little method, the Bearcat's game picked up. They began to score more with the help of freshman **Langley Shazor**, sophomore **Isreal Gibson**, and junior **Justin Branson.** Their defense strengthened as well, but they just couldn't grasp "the winner's pole" and keep it.

"I could see improvement in the way our boys played. We're finally learning how to play defense, but you can't have a little defense and no offense, or a little offense and no defense. You have got to have both and we just haven't learned how to put them together yet," Mike Locke said.

Deonna Fields

Gotta Have A Touchdown- Sophomore **Sham Hatcher** rushes for yards during our game against Tazewell. His effort helped the Bearcats in many ways.



Player Profiles



Troy Kidd

Being a freshman didn't bother **Langley Shazor.** He started varsity and added his own little touch to the team. Bulldozing for yards and scoring whenever possible really helped to keep the team's heads up.

Troy Kidd completed his last year as a Bearcat football player proudly. He supplied great yardage and many touchdowns during his time with us. We wish him good luck for years to come.

Langley Shazor



Look At Me, Ma!-Junior **Justin Branson** shows off his moves as he manages to escape a tackle. His mom must have been proud; we sure were.



Just A Little Extra Help-Personal trainers Bulldog Eller, Randy Hodge, and Kaitlyn Hodge kept our boys in great physical condition. Thanks guys!



Coaches-Bulldog Eller, Mike Kovaacs, Vic Kegley, Mike Locke, Scott Jones, Mark Daniels, Carter Baker, Marty McCloud, and Randy Hodge.



Seniors-Justin Norton, Troy Kidd, Forest Pauley, Dustin Mullins, and Kevin King



Run Justin, Run-Senior quarterback **Justin Norton** picks up positive yards against Battle. The Battle game was Justin's first game back after a early season injury.

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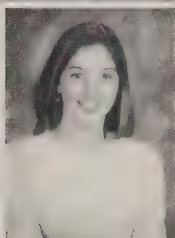
EXERTING POWER- Using all of her adrenaline, Junior **Natalie Meade** gets ahead before rounding the bend at the state meet. This year state was held at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia.



PUMP THOSE ARMS- Pacing himself, freshman **Derrick Justus** heads on to finish the race. Pacing oneself is an important part in running long distances.

THE LAST LEG- Although extremely tired, freshman **Nova Via** pushes to go on and complete the race. Via placed 19th in the Appalachian Clash of the Classes.

THE EXTRA EFFORT- Putting forth all of his strength, senior **Josh Norton** passes some of his opponents. The state meet was not just about winning, but about achieving personal goals.



"The state cross-country meet in The Plains, Virginia was my most memorable event because I felt privileged to get to be a part of such a big event in which many schools from all over Virginia participated."

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Adam Armstrong, Natalie Meade, Buddy Adams, Megan Williams, Josh Norton

KING OF THE HILL- Through the horizon, the runners take their mark by climbing the hill. Many of the races, however, began by going downhill.



Seaching for the Gold

The wind whipped around the corner, moaning and warning the runners that they were on the last curve of the race. Fatigue had overcome them but they kept pushing their legs to move forward. Their bodies were dripping with sweat, but they did not give up. All they cared about was finishing the race and striving to get the gold medal.

The cross-country team began their quest in the hot summer months and continued into the cool month of November. Even though they did not have enough runners at certain meets to compete as a team, certain runners such as Junior **Natalie Meade** and Senior **Josh Norton** excelled. Meade placed second place in the Appalachian Clash of the Classes while Norton won second place at the Gathering of the Harriers.

Kari Callanan

Player Profile



Sophomore **Buddy Adams** is a key player on the team. He placed 17th in the Gathering of the Harriers.



Senior **Adam Armstrong** practices hard to increase his success rate. Running cross-country teaches students how to work as a team.



A STRIDE AHEAD- Breaking away from the pack, sophomore runner, **Ben Harrison**, uses his skills to place 18th at ASU in Boone, N.C. Practice after school helps the runners achieve their times.



BEATING THE CLOCK- Endurance, shown by freshman **Megan Williams**, is an important factor in running long distances. Williams placed fifteenth out of eighty-one runners at the Gathering of the Harriers.

Senior Tribute



Senior
Josh Norton

TUCKERED OUT- After running his heart out at the State meet, Senior **Josh Norton** takes a break. Even though he spent part of the season injured, he came back and participated in the state meet.



"My most memorable cross-country experience was during my freshman year. It was at my first-ever state meet. It was twenty degrees Fahrenheit and God threw nearly all of the elements at us. I remember standing on the starting line in between my teammate and the guy who would eventually win the race. Then the starter gave us our instructions and raised the gun, a sawed-off shotgun. When he shot that gun the adrenaline spread through every inch of my body and I nearly knocked my teammate down. From that point all I can remember is running the last mile under attack by hail and vicious wind and crossing the finish line gasping for air but knowing that I was a minute closer to returning for the same experience the following year."

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On the green - Putting is a critical part of a golfer's game. Sophomore **Joey Gasbarri** shows his style.



Duck duck goose. - The ducks in the pond make up part of the beautiful scenery at this golf course. These ducks provide something for golfers to look at while they wait their turn.



A diamond in the rough - Senior **Kevin Flannagan** tries to get his ball back into the fairway. Players often have to retrieve their ball from the rough.



Observing the competition - Senior **Mitch Rainero** carefully watches while the other players take their turn. Players do this to learn the breaks of the hole.



Wait your turn - Senior **Davey Harrison** patiently waits his turn to show up the competition. There are many long waits during an 18 hole golf tournament.

Playing through - Coach **Caldwell** takes his golf cart to the next hole on the course. Golf carts are a convenience provided at most golf courses.



Teeing off - Junior **Matt Jones** prepares to hit the ball while standing in the tee box. **Matt** led the team in final stroke average.



The Grass is Always Greener...

Golfing Team Accomplishments

1st Place in Highlands District Tournament
2nd Place in Highlands District Season
5th Place in Region 4 Tournament

The 1998 Virginia High Golf team had a number of accomplishments during the 1998 season. They began the year by finishing runner-up during the Highlands District regular season. They moved on to the district tournament and came home with a first place trophy. The team was led by five seniors, including, Brandon Matney, Mitch Rainero, Davey Harrison, Kevin Flannagan, and Jeb Rohr. After winning the district tournament they went to the Region 4 Tournament where they finished a respectable 5th. While these events were going on three players were named to the Highlands All District team, these players were Matt Jones, Brandon Matney, and Evan Jones. The many wins and accomplishments made it a very successful year for the Virginia High golfers.

1998 Highlands All District Team



Senior **Brandon Matney** finished the 1998 season with a final stroke average of 80.6.



Junior **Matt Jones** finished the 1998 season with a final stroke average of 80.3.



Freshman **Evan Jones** finished the 1998 season with a final stroke average of 82.9.



Picture perfect - Players have to line up the ball to get a perfect shot. Senior Brandon Matney lays his ball down in perfect line with the hole.



BACK ROW L-R - Coach Caldwell, Mitch Rainero, Matt Jones, Carl Brown, Jeb Rohr, Brandon Matney, Mike Blackwell, Davey Harrison, Josh Blankenship. **MIDDLE ROW** - Evan Jones, Brett Stringer, Skip Smith Kevin Flannagan. **KNEELING** - Jon Harper, Evan White.

Location	Results
Blue Ridge	3rd
Clear Creek	2nd
Cedar Hills	3rd
Cedar Hills	5th
Clear Creek	1st
Glenrochie	3rd
Clear Creek	1st
Clear Creek	2nd
Holston Hills	3rd
Glenrochie	3rd
Scott Co. Park	1st



"The Highlands District Golf Tournament Championship was a great part of the season and will be a spring board into 2000."

-Coach Caldwell

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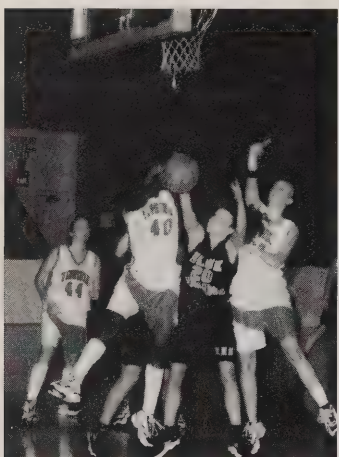
Time Out! - Friends take a break from the game to pose for a picture. Junior **Sherell Sowho** and Seniors **Kristen Alley** and **Alyson Bowman** give a big smile for another great win.



We're Number One! - The crowd gets together for a picture during half-time. Many students came to see the Bearcat stars win another game.

Think Fast! - Team work was an important part of the team winnings. Senior **Kristen Alley** passes the ball to another teammate to put the whole team into the game.

Jump Around! - The Lady Bearcats work hard to get the ball from their opponents. Seniors **Kristen Alley** and **Suzanne Senter** and Junior **Brandi Owens** chase the ball for a rebound.



Watch Out! - Clear the way, let the Bearcats play! Junior **Sherell Sowho** goes for a rebound with the assistance of her teammate **Brandi Owens**.



Coach **Barry Reed** the Varsity Coach/ Athletic Director led the Lady Bearcats to many victories.

Opponent	Result
Tip-Off - Rye Cove	W
Tip-Off - Northwood	W
Tip-Off - Grundy	W
Chilhowie	W
John Battle	W
Chilhowie	W
Richlands	W
Richlands	W
Lee	W
Abingdon	W
Lebanon	W
Tazewell	W
Gate City	W
Marion	W
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Carrol County	W
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VARSITY (L to R) - Suzanne Senter, Kristen Alley, Carmen Jones, Sherell Sowho, Brandi Owens, Milleda Simmons, Alyson Bowman, and Sheree Gibbs.

Huddle Up!- The team is called together to discuss their winning strategy. **Coach Reed** speaks with them during every time out and in between quarters.



The Season of a Lifetime

Dribble!Dribble!Hook!Hook!The Lady Bearcats showed us their claws along with their talent this season. The entire season was one long winning streak. These outstanding players won every game up until the regional quarterfinals with energy to spare. The Lady 'Cats put their hearts into every game and came out on top. With **Sherell Sowho's** one thousandth point and **Brandi Owens'** rebounds along with **Suzanne Senter** and **Sheree Gibbs'** guard play, they were a sure success. They went into the game without a doubt in their minds, and kept on winning.With their power, their strength, and their winning spirits, they played the season of a lifetime.

Paige Smith

Outstanding Players

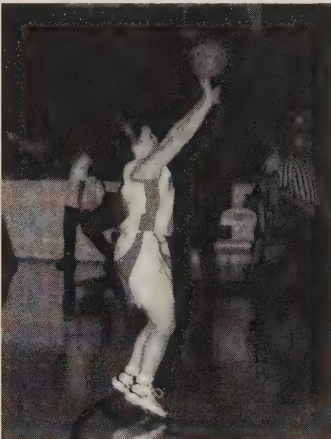


Suzanne Senter

"I'm really happy how everyone on the team picked it up towards the end of the season and hopefully in the future everone will stay focused and intense throughout the whole season."

Senior **Suzanne Senter, #3**, served as one of the point guards throughout the season. She worked hard to keep the team on top.

Sherell Sowho



She Shoots... - She scores! What else would a Lady Bearcat do? **Suzanne Senter**, a senior, worked hard as a point guard and assisted the team in many wins.



Excuse Me! - The Lady Bearcats don't move for anyone! Junior **Sherell Sowho** clears her own way to the ball.



Junior Varsity: Top (L to R) - Ashley Grubb, Deonna Fields, Cherese Henry, Coach McNulty, Misty Morgan, Nikki Glover
Bottom (L to R) - Ashley Russell, Carrie Read, Clairee Bessel, Lindsey Raettig, April Foster, Melanie Harvey

Opponent	Result
Tip-Off - Rye Cove	L
Tip-Off - Northwood	W
Tip-Off - Grundy	L
Chilhowie	W
John Battle	W
Chilhowie	W
Richlands	L
Richlands	W
Lee	L
Abingdon	L
Lebanon	L
Tazewell	W
Marion	L
John Battle	L
Tazewell	W
Abingdon	L
Marion	L
Lee	L



"Basketball has taught me to reach for my goals and strive to be the best!"

Deonna Fields

Putting Their Heart and Soul Into the Game of...

Volleyball



Melanie "Moe" Young

"We had a great year - 19-2 it just ended sooner than we thought it should have."



April Marrone

"We had a great season and we have learned a lot from each other."



Coach Tamara "T" Yelton

"As I look back at this season, I can see so many goals that were obtained by each individual player. I expected a lot from the girls this season due our experience and depth. We showed early on in the season that anything was possible. One of our long range goals was to run a quicker offense and each girl worked day in and day out to make it work. I do not believe the season would have been as successful as it was without their hard work and commitment to the team and each other. Playing with their heart and their mind, they saw early the sky was the limit. As a coach, you rarely find that kind of determination from so many on a team."

Set It Up!-Junior **April Marrone** sets the ball up as Junior **Susan Renfro** watches. April and Susan were the team's two setters this year and were very effective in the games.



Kill It Down!-Junior **April Marrone** kills the ball as John Battle's blockers try to stop her. April was the Highlands District Hitter of The Year.

High Five-Teammates give Senior **Melanie Young** a high five after she kills the ball. Melanie was one of the team's middle hitters this year.



The Highlands District Regular Season and Tournament Champions

Front Row: Susan Renfro, Nikki Glover. **Second Row:** Brandi Owens, April Marrone, Tamara Yelton. **Third Row:** Suzanne Senter, Alyson Bowman, Sarah King, Melanie Young.



Pass It Around!-Senior Suzanne Senter passes the ball as Seniors Melanie Young and Alyson Bowman look on. Passing is a key asset to winning and takes much practice to perfect.

Schedule

Opponent	Score	Results
Northwood	15-1, 15-11	W
Gate City	15-10, 15-12	W
Lebanon	15-11, 12-15, 15-10	W
Richlands	15-2, 15-2	W
Rye Cove	15-8, 9-15, 15-13	W
Lee	15-7, 15-8	W
John Battle	15-2, 15-2	W
Marion	15-6, 15-9	W
Abingdon	15-0, 15-9	W
Lebanon	15-10, 15-5	W
Gate City	15-5, 15-11	W
Northwood	15-11, 4-15, 15-7	W
Rye Cove	15-11, 17-15	W
Marion	15-9, 15-7	W
John Battle	7-15, 15-9, 10-15	L
Lee	15-3, 15-10	W
Richlands	12-15, 15-8, 15-2	W
Abingdon	11-15, 15-8, 15-13	W
Marion	15-12, 15-6	W
Gate City	9-15, 15-6, 15-7	W
Bassett	15-7, 15-7	L



The team was really close and were undefeated in the Highlands District. Many players on the team made the Highlands All-District team. They only lost one game in the regular season and then lost at the Regionals. At the end of every game they won, the team would always get in a huddle and with the help of their fans shout YEE-HAW!!!!



Seniors

Melanie Young, Sarah King, Alyson Bowman, Suzanne Senter



Great Start! - Senior **Sarah Cumbow** is getting prepared for her next event and is looking forward to a great start. Sarah was an important asset to the team, being one of the two seniors, she helped everyone with her swimming knowledge.



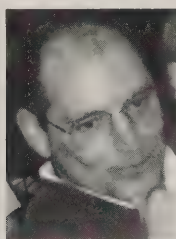
Relay! - Freshmen **Jessica Hearl**, **Maggie Waterman**, **Britini Penley** and sophomore **Lindsey Browning** all prepare for the next race and to leave Bearcat Wake!



Boys take a Nap! - Juniors **John Friend**, **Scott Leonard**, and **Wilton Goodpasture** catch a few winks in between events. Sleeping is a very important part of swim meets, it helps the swimmers do better in their race.

Smile! - Freshman **Britini Penley** smiles for the camera. Britini works very hard at every meet because she both swims and dives.

Good Friends and Swimmers! - Freshman **Heather Leonard** and Sophomore **Lindsey Browning** who became better friends over swim season, also had better times over the course of the season.



Coach Caldwell comments on the season:

"We knew it was going to be tough...We surpassed all expectations, and I was very pleased with all we learned this year."



Swim Team 1998 - 1999: Top Row L to R - Coach Terry Caldwell, Kenny Hubbard, Jack Lewis, David Chew, Chase Hobson. Middle Row L to R - Nova Via, Jessica Hearl, Eran Martin, John Friend, Tad O'Donnell, Wilton Goodpasture, Scott Leonard, Ridley Goodpasture, Britini Penley, Maggie Waterman. Bottom Row L to R - Meredith Lawson, Leigh Evans, Kari Callanan, Amy Arnold, Amy Tolley, Sarah Cumbow, Natalie Meade, Lindsey Browning, Heather Leonard, Brittany Triplett.

All the way to State! - The speedy girls of the swim team swim their way to state. Juniors Natalie Meade, Leigh Evans, sophomore Meredith Lawson, and freshman Heather Leonard take their awe-some times to state.



Seniors : 1998-1999

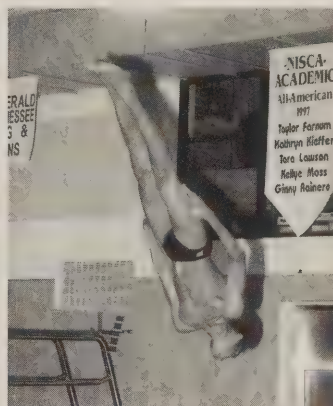
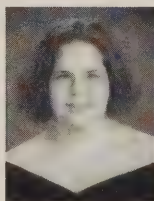


Amy Tolley

What was your most memorable swimming event? "It was the first time I swam the 500 meter event because everyone thought it was too hard, but I ended up with a good time."

What was your most memorable diving event? "My most memorable event was at the State diving meet my sophomore year when I beat my best competition and I won."

Sarah Cumbow



Off the Board and Into the Water! - Junior **Eran Martin** shows off his skills as a great diver. Eran was one of the divers with the skills to be state champ.



Divers work hard to go to State! - Juniors **Wilton Goodpasture** and **Scott Leonard** work hard to dive at state and make great accomplishments. Wilton won the state championship and Scott finished in a very close second.



Dive Team 1998 - 1999: L to R - Eran Martin, Scott Leonard, Wilton Goodpasture, Amy Tolley, Britini Penley, Coach Molly Boyle.

Coach Molly Boyle comments on the season:



"It was a great year and a sad year, we lost Amy, but we gained many fresh, new talents."

Under the Sea

Under the sea is where the swim team stayed this year, with practice every day and swim meets every week. The swim team was successful this year, winning all dual meets and placing high in all regional meets. With the asset of senior Sara Cumbow, the swim team excelled in many events. Some of the highlights were the Virginia High Swim team hosting the Big Ten Carnival, which had the largest participation ever and had many record-breaking wins. In the East Tennessee Classic the swimmers with outstanding team performance, won fifth place. Another new meet was held was the triple dual meet with Dobyns Bennet, Science Hill, and Pulaski. This kind of meet had never been held before within the region.

Brittany Triplett



NAPTIME! Catching some ZZZs

- Junior **Amy Arnold** sleeps in between her events at the Dobyns - Bennett swim meet. Sleeping between events is a favorite pastime of swimmers, especially because they need their rest.



Reaching for Victory - Freshman **Genneth Hubbard** reaches for first place in his powerful freestyle. Freestyle is the most liked stroke. Freshmen were an integral part of the team adding lots of points to the score.

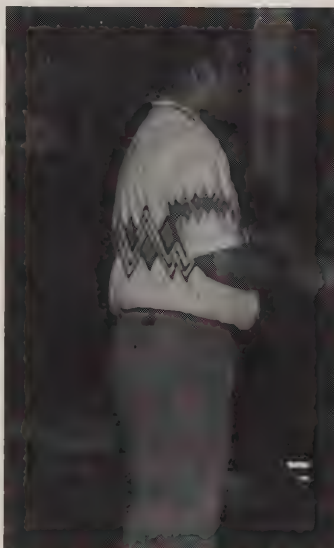


All Eyes on the Swimmers -

Coach Caldwell intently watches his swimmers recording times, yelling praise and enjoying the meet. Junior **Scott Leonard** takes a breather after a hard race and gets Coach's advice.

Fierce Competition! - Coach

Caldwell watches the swimmers and their competitors. Most of the dual meets at home were won by the Bearcat swimmers. Also, the team placed high in all big swim meets due to **Coach Caldwell's** terrific coaching.



Awesome Stroke - Junior

Natalie Meade competes in the breast stroke. She has had many great times for the breaststroke. The breaststroke is a well-known stroke and many people swim it.





Get ready to swim! - Freshmen **Nova Via** gets prepared before a big race. Swimmers must always be prepared before the race and must be on time.

Like a Bird! - Senior **Amy Tolley** soars through the air like a bird on one of her best dives. Amy is a state champ three years running and is a wonderful diver.

Diving 1998 - 1999

This year the 1998 -1999 divers were a wonderful asset and raised many points to push the team over the edge to win. They competed in many dual and regional meets and placed very high. This year at the 1999 State Swim Invitational the boys diving team were champions.

Amy Tolley and **Wilton Goodpasture** were individual first place winners at the State Swim Invitational. 1999 was a record- breaking year for senior **Amy Tolley**. At the 1998 Tennessee swim meet she broke the six dive meet record. At the 1999 State meet she broke the eleven dive meet record. And she also broke the 1999 state diving meet at the State meet. Juniors **Scott Leonard**, **Eran Martin** and **Wilton Goodpasture** all had great diving seasons, placing high in all meets. Freshman **Britini Penley** also started off a great diving career.

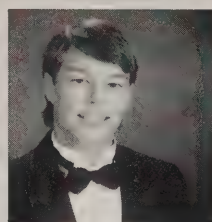
MEET	GIRLS	BOYS	OPPONENT
BIG TEN RELAY CARNIVAL	8th place	5th place	OVERALL - 7th place
SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL	82	79	G - 40 B - 42
ABINGDON HIGH SCHOOL	94	88	G - 74 B - 35
EAST TENNESSEE CLASSIC	5th place	5th place	
TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL	67	93	G - 99 B - 57
SULLIVAN CENTRAL & ELIZABETHTON HIGH SCHOOL	144	119	G - 81,75 B - 73,67
SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL & DOBYNS BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL	32	18	G - 69 B - 78
PULASKI COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	28	23	G - 73 B - 64
	74	41	G - 22 B - 13
RADFORD INVITATIONAL	12th place	13th place	
SULLIVAN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL	56	53	G - 101 B - 118
VIRGINIA STATE AA INVITATIONAL SWIMMING & DIVING MEET	18th place	Did not place	



John Almany set a Virginia High Dual Season record with 71 takedowns and individual points with 201.



Larry Neese was two time District Champion. He won All State honors and placed third in the Iron Man and placed sixth in state.



Brad Stophel placed third in Iron Man, second in Region, third in Greeneville, second in Knox Halls, two time District Champion, and placed sixth in state.



Dustin Mullins was a two time State qualifier, placed fourth in Region, third in Iron Man, second in Knox Halls, and third District.

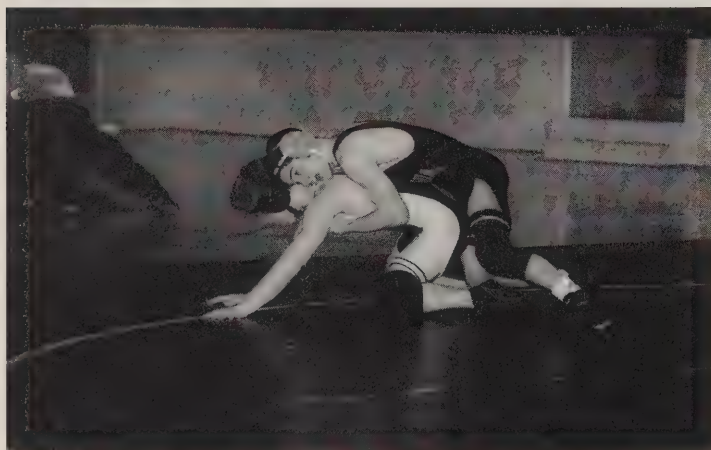
All The Right Moves

Something brushed against his foot and his surprise turned to horror as he looked down and saw the arms of his opponent wrapped tightly around it. This would be a common reaction for any wrestler as they are about to be pinned in an important match.

The Virginia High wrestling team has had a successful year because of all the talent and ability the members possess. The strength and endurance of the team really shined this season.

The team completed the season by winning 14 matches and the Highlands District Tournament. This was a major accomplishment, considering 10 of the 14 starters were freshmen and sophomores.

Josie Russell



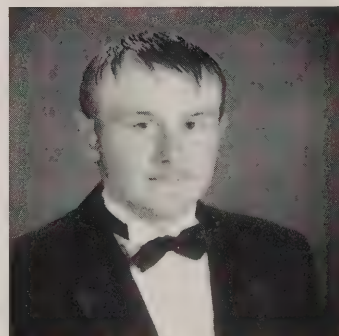
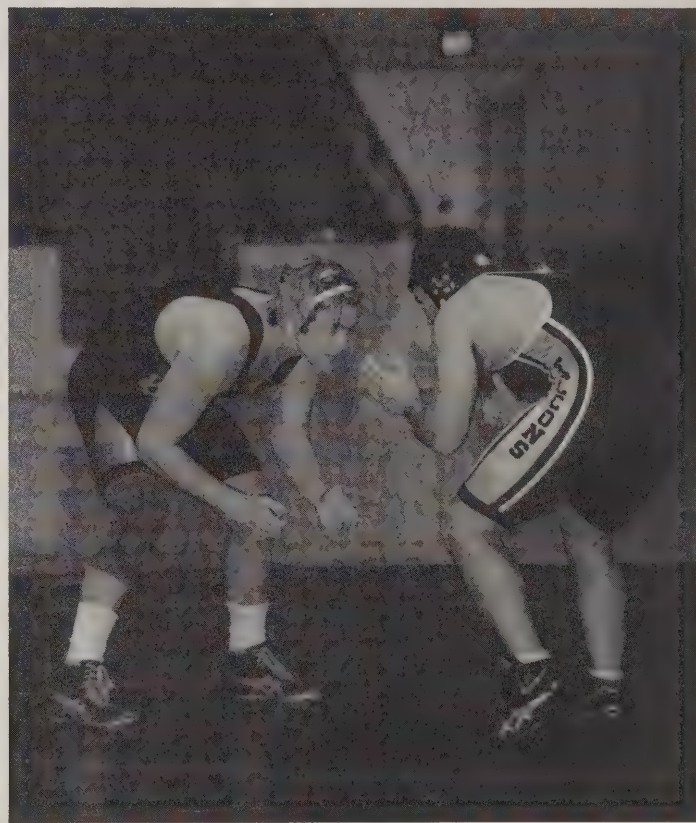
BREAK HIM DOWN-Working for a breakdown, senior **John Almany**, tries for a win. John is the only four time District Champion in the Highlands District in the history of the tournament.

GREAT JOB-Another senior member of the VHS wrestling team is **Kevin King**. He has been a very enthusiastic member all four years of his high school career.

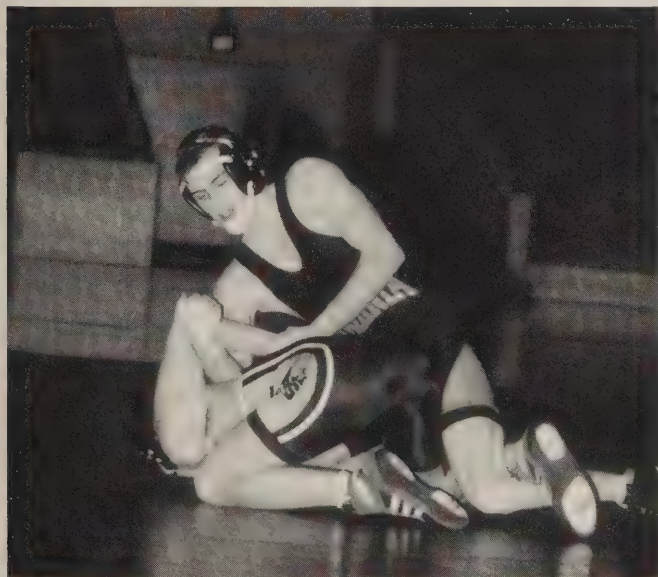
"Four Seniors **Larry Neese**, **John Almany**, **Brad Stophel**, and **Dustin Mullins** provided leadership and direction which necessitates a successful campaign."

Coach Cressel

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS-Getting ready for a takedown, senior **Dustin Mullins** is working to pin his opponent. Dustin has been a vital member of the VHS wrestling team this year.



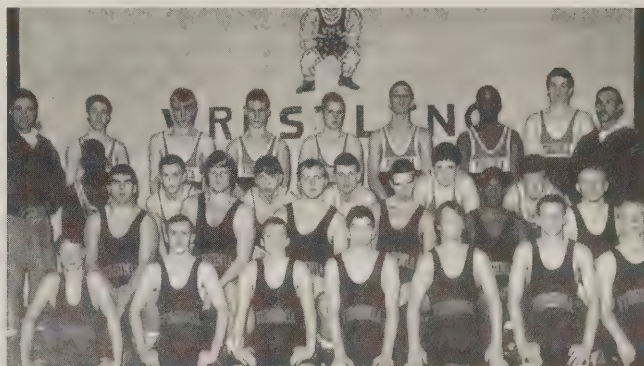
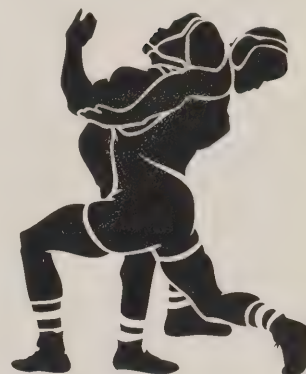
HOLD ON TIGHT-Hopeful for a win, senior **Brad Stophel** works the arm bar for a pin. Brad is a Highlands District Champion for the second time and he also received All-State honors.



DON'T LET GO-Working to turn his opponent, senior **Larry Neese** is trying for a win. Larry has been apart of the VHS wrestling team all four of his high school years, and won first place in his weight class for the second time this year. Wrestling takes plenty of hard work and time in order to be successful.

Dual Meet Results

	Us	Them
Abingdon	17	45
Chucky Doak	53	21
Elizabethon	30	39
Tennessee	59	18
John Battle	35	36
Lee	63	4
Lebanon	61	15
East	70	0
Dobyns-Bennet	55	12
Coeburn	47	30
Richlands	39	30
David Crockett	81	0
Marion	20	40
Powell Valley	75	0
Tazwell	39	30
Radford	38	30
Brookville	22	52



FRONT ROW: L-R Chris Wilkey, Larry Neese, Josh Bryan, John Almany, Brad Stophel, Josh Shuler, Stephen Hamrick. **SECOND ROW:** Tyler Goad, Dustin Mullins, Michael Witt, Scott Jones, Sham Hatcher, Kevin King. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Ray Osborne, Michael Neese, Justin Crusenberry, Jon Rogers, Coach Cressel. **BACK ROW:** Christian Guinn, Matt Walling, Daniel Love. Not Pictured, Chris Hall.



WRESTLING SENIORS L-R-Brad Stophel, John Almany,Dustin Mullins, Kevin King, Larry Neese.

Take it away Jack! - Senior Jack Goodson takes control of the ball and darts down the court to lead the team on to victory.



In the Nick of Time - During the game, Senior Forrest Pauley quickly hands off the ball to another teammate, outsmarting his opponent with speed.

Musical Chairs - These players are watching, cheering their teammates on. Any minute they could be put in to add some more points to the VHS scoreboard.



Dunkin' Dunn - Senior Ryan Dunn shows off his dunking skills, adding two more points for our mighty Bearcats.



All Tangled Up - The whistle blows and Senior Forrest Pauley taps the ball away from the Abingdon Falcons.



1-2-3-Team! - Just before the game begins the boys get into a team huddle to plan their game strategy.



Coach Carlos Lee was the Head Coach this year for the Varsity Basketball Team.

Opponent	V	JV
John Battle	L	W
Tazewell	L	W
Honaker	L	
Marion	L	
Lee	L	
Sullivan East	L	
Tazewell	L	W
Lee	L	L
Gate City	L	L
John Battle	L	W
Marion	L	W



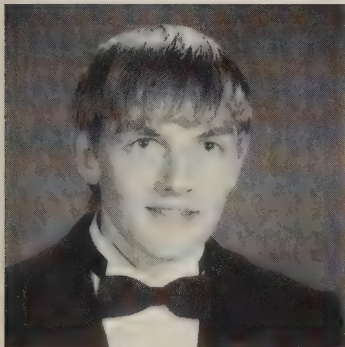
Go Cats Go!! - As tradition, right before the game begins the cheerleaders and crowd clap their hands, and scream and cheer the Bearcats on to victory!

Boy's Basketball



Two, Two, Bearcats Two - Senior tyler Kirk attempts to shoot for two against a worthy opponent, his own teammate. Being able to practice before the game helps the players to maintain their concentration.

Outstanding Senior

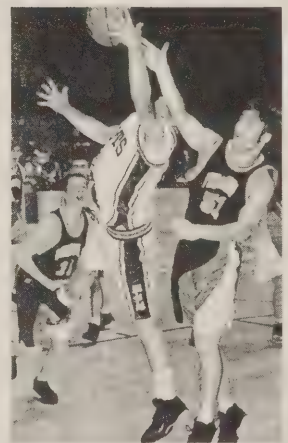


"Feelings cannot express what this team meant to me. We might have not had the best of seasons, but the lessons we learned will no doubt be remembered for years to come. I will miss the great times I've made and I would like to wish next year's team the best of luck."

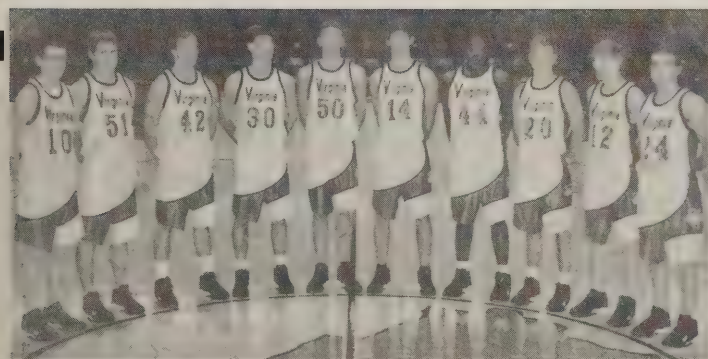
**Jack
Goodson**



Practice Makes Perfect - Freshman Jermaine Tucker and Senior Jack Goodson take a few last shots before the game begins. The team always warms up by doing some quick drills to prepare them for the game.



Gotcha! - Number 51, Senior Troy Kidd jumps and attempts to take the ball away from his Sullivan East opponent.



Boy's Varsity Basketball

Pictured Left to Right: Parker Gemmell, Troy Kidd, Tyler Kirk, Ryan Dunn, Brent McCloud, Forrest Pauley, Travis Payne, Aaron Tobey, Jack Goodson, Jacob McAllister.

Opponent	V	JV
Lebanon	L	
Sullivan East	L	
Abingdon	L	
Marion	W	
Gate City	L	
Tennessee High	L	
Lee	L	
Lebanon	L	
Abingdon	L	





Megan Williams

"There was a lot of doubt at the beginning of the year but we played hard and came out with a great first year. It was really encouraging to have all the girls come out for the team. We had a lot of fun and played extremely well in every game."

Paige Smith

"Seeing as though this is our first year working together as a team, I think each of us have excelled in the sport. We came together as an unexperienced group and beat the odds in having a very successful season."

Casey Blankinship

"This year being our first year having a girls soccer team has been awesome!! We have all done our parts and put them together as a team and we have definitely succeeded this season. Hopefully we can come back next year and go ever farther."

Caption Crunch-Junior **Leigh Evans** dribbles the ball between two of her opponents trying not to get crunched. She was a captain and helped many of the other members learn the game better.



Communication Is The Key-Sophomore **Jessica Puckett** brings the ball down the field as freshman **Megan Williams** communicates with the rest of her teammates. Communication is very important in the game of soccer.



Chaaaaarge!!!!-Sophomore **Katie Shields** and **Meredith Lawson** charge the ball trying not to let their opponent out-run them. The girls soccer team defeated Carroll County for the second time this year.



Teamwork-Sophomore **Alison Smith** passes the ball off to freshman **Clairee Bessel**. All the girls know that "there is no I in TEAM."

Girls Soccer

	Us	Them
Carroll Co.	3	0
Carroll Co.	3	1
Pulaski Co.	5	1
Pulaski Co.	4	0
Marion	4	1
Marion/District	5	2
Martinsville/Region1	6	

I've got it-Freshman goal-keeper **Sally Schneider** works on her goalie skills during practice for a big game the next day. The goal position is one of the most important positions on the team.



Outstanding Players

Emily Smith

Megan Williams

"Emily Smith led all scorers with 15 goals. She was very aggressive and skilled player. Emily was one of the team captions."

"Megan Williams was awarded MVP for this year's season. She scored 12 goals. Megan was a very versatile and aggressive player."



We're number one-The girls soccer team rejoices after their second victory of the season over Carroll County. This is the first year that girls soccer was offered a VHS.

Girls Soccer

For this being their first year as a team, the girls soccer team has showed tremendous talent and determination for the game. They have been very successful in their hard work and ability to continue to strive for the best. They came together as a very unexperienced team, but with the help of the members and the support of the fans it became easier for the girls to begin a good start on a winning season. Even though many of the girls had not played before, with their determination and coopration they were just as successful as the experienced girls. It was a hard start for the the girls being their first year but they overcame the doubts of others and played an undefeated season. The girls became Highlands District Champions and showed that they will be contenders for many years to come.

Hope Dennis



Coach Rhodes tries to keep her team pepped up and moving during the game for another victory.



Front Row (left to right): Nova Via, Allison Smith, Meredith Lawson, Sally Schneider, Kristy Joris, Casey Blankenship, Jessica Puckett, and Paige Smith. Back Row (left to right): Brittany Triplett, Maggie Waterman, Katie Shields, Kathryn Rainero, Megan Williams, Emily Smith, and Leigh Evans. Not pictured Clairee Bessel



Gone with the wind-Sophomore **Emily Smith** takes off down the field with the ball trying to score a goal for her team. The great offensive skill helped make scoring much easier.

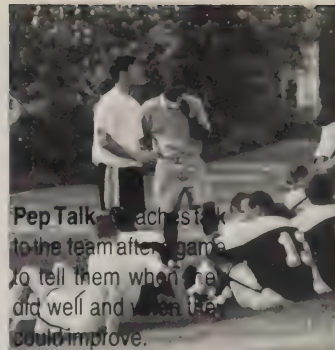


SOC IT TO ME

The soccer team achieved a respectable season with the guidance of new coach Matt Yelton who also teaches English at VHS. Although it was not a fairytale season, the team showed their skills as individuals as well as working well together. This very young team has only four Seniors two of which are new to the game. While it may be true that many

of the players are not seasoned on the VHS soccer team, most new players do have experience playing for other teams. Everyone is very proud of the team and how they fared against the teams that they went up against. The team has a strong fan base that is sure to continue to support the home team throughout their stay at VHS.

Allison Smith



Pep Talk Coach talks to the team after a game to tell them when they did well and when they could improve.

Battle for the Ball- During a match against Tennessee High, Freshman **Nick Volmer** tries to maneuver the ball away from the opposing team. This year's team is full of younger players who really know what they are doing.

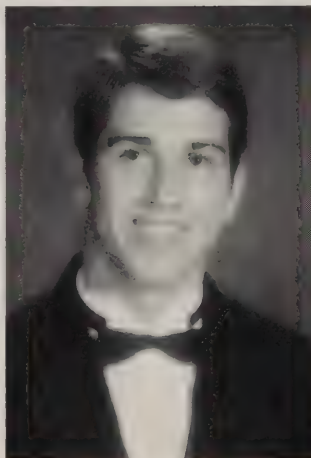
Standing Guard- Senior **Dustin Mullins** watches the game closely to make sure nothing can get past him. Dustin is a new player on the team and made everyone proud with his outstanding performance.



"Stevan Rainero has done a very good job of providing leadership and hard work for our team this year."

~ Coach Matt Yelton

Movin' On Up- Senior **Stevan Rainero** takes the ball up the field while John Battle defends try to take it from him. Stevan is one of the key players on the soccer team this year.



Roughin' it- Junior **Wilton Goodpasture** puts on his game face to win the ball in a game against Graham. Soccer players have to be tough to withstand the hard knocks of the sport.

Out of My Way- Junior **Daniel Schneider** sweeps past an opposing player during a match against Abingdon High. Daniel has been a key part of the defense for VHS.



Score Board

	Us	Them
Pulaski	3	0
Central	2	1
Battle	11	0
Tenn. High	0	2
Graham	0	1
Abingdon	0	5
Pulaski	2	8
Graham	3	1
Central	2	2
Tenn. High	0	3
Marion	0	2
Abingdon	1	0
Marion	0	3
Battle	8	2
Abingdon	1	3



Where is it?- Junior **Wilton Goodpasture**, Freshman **Nick Volmer**, and Sophomore **Matt Pfountz** are a bit confused during a game against Graham. Sometimes players get disoriented during the chaos of a game.



Front Row- Collin Waldren, Adie White, Ridley Goodpasture, Daniel Schnieder, Dustin Mullins, Rucker Sewell, Travis Staton, Matthew Pfountz, Wilton Goodpasture, Nick Volmer. Back Row- Coach Matt Yelton, Jermaine Tucker, Justin Peters, Shawn Davis, Josh Sokolo, Kent Sanslow, Stevan Rainero, David Meade, Jared Peters, Keith Williams, Coach NeNe Kisseih.



Rest and Relaxation- The soccer team rests on the side of the bank at Seven Mile Ford after a hard game. It is tradition to have a group talk with the coaches after every game.

Lined Up- These members of the soccer team wait for their chance to enter the game. Substitute players are vital in a game when players get tired.

Up and Over- Senior Larry Neese clears the hurdle during one of this year's track meets. Neese played an important part on the boys' track team.



Think Happy Thoughts- Senior Melanie Young contemplates her next victory in the shot put. Melanie was the lone female to qualify for the State tournament.



Front and Center - Receiving the center lane, freshmen Langley Shazor wins the 100 mile dash at the Regional meet in Abingdon, Virginia.

Reach the Sky - While sliding into the sand, junior Brent McCloud hits his mark.

Sittin' on the Dock of Bay - During events members of the boys track team take a break in the stands and support their teammates.

Three Step - After an exhausting race, junior Susan Renfro walks it out.



Coach Collins shows great leadership and experience as one of the track team coaches.

- Quad Meet
- Snake Evan Invitational
- Tennessee High
- Tennessee High
- Judy Thomas Invitational
- Quad Meet
- Southwest Insurance



Susan Renfro, Melanie Young, Sherrell Sowho, Lashawn Johnson

Toe the Line - Breaking out to a comfortable position senior Josh Norton runs the mile. Josh was a major contender at the State meet at JMU.



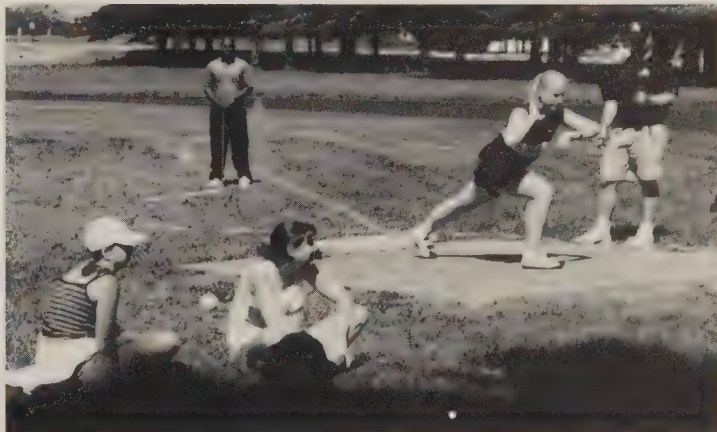
And They're Off- Freshman Langley Shazor takes the early lead in the 100 meter dash.



Running Hard-Brent McCloud is pushing himself trying to beat his own personal record in the 110 hurdles.



Run, Shular, Run!-Sophomore Josh Shular heads for the finish line during the District meet.



Hop Scotch-As she prepares to complete her throw senior Melanie Young tries to make the distance. Steady footing and a strong arm are important to heave the shot to its longest distance.



First Row: Shawn Fletcher, Ben Harrison, Mark Knowles, Josh Shuler, Langley Shazor, Jeremy Kennedy, Michael Brewer, Larry Neese.
Back Row: Derek Justus, Micah Parks, Jeb Rohr, Forrest Pauley, Brent McCloud, Daniel Griffin, Matthew Lewis, Josh Braswell, Josh Norton.

Inter Mountain Relays

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All Comers

Highlands District Meet

Region IV

State



Senior Josh Norton was a great asset to the boy track team. Winning all-state honors at the 2-Mile Run.



"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

-Archie Griffen

"It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness."

-Seneca

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

-Thomas Edison

"Each warrior wants to leave the mark of his will, his signature, on important acts he touches. This is not the voice of ego but of the human spirit, rising up and declaring that it has something to contribute to the solution of the hardest problems, no matter how vexing."

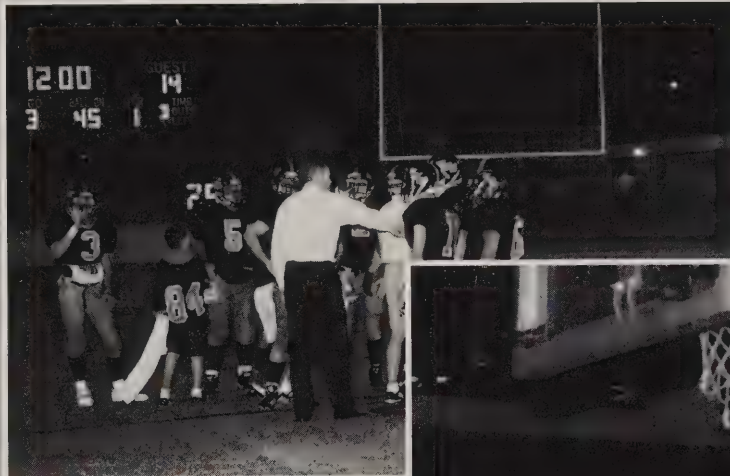
-Pat Riley

"The principle is competing against yourself. It's about self-improvement, about being better than you were the day before."

-Steve Young

"How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game, whether you are a winner or a loser."

-Lou Holtz



"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task ahead."

"Winners never quit and quitters never win"

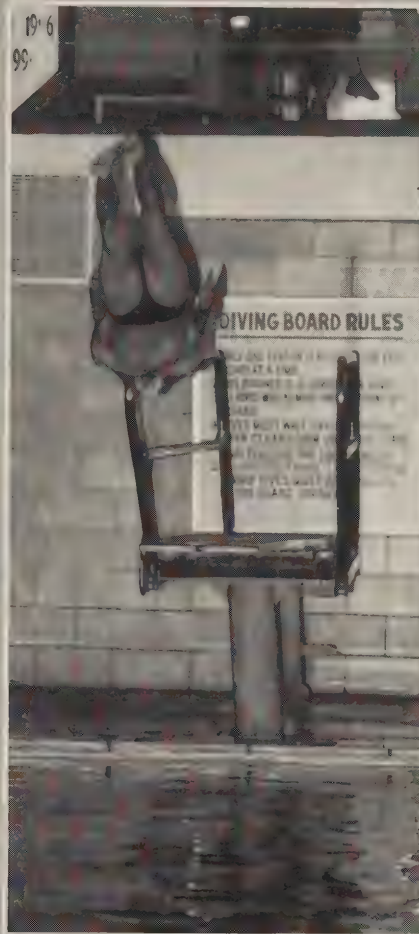
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"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

-Babe Ruth



"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man's determination."

-Tommy Lasorda

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."

-Robert F. Kennedy



"My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging."

-Hank Aaron

you are running about average."

M.H. Alderson

Highlights

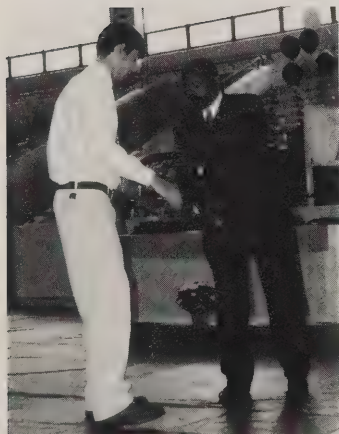
Gifted

Athlete -

Senior Josh Norton was given the prestigious award of Most Outstanding athlete for the year 1998-1999.

Senior Brad Stophel helps Josh display his award to the photographer.

Josh participated in Track, Cross Country and Swimming.



Two Points - Senior Forrest Pauley receives the Most Outstanding Player in Basketball from Coach Carlos Lee.

Tough Tackle - Coach Michael Locke presents senior Dustin Mullins with an Outstanding athletic award for his many years of excellent contributions to the football team.



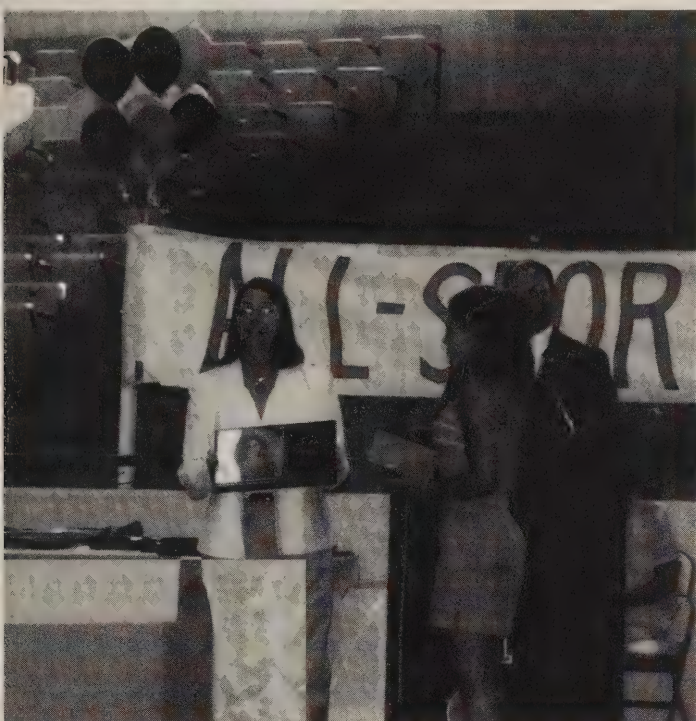
Soc It To Me - The newest sport to Virginia High this year was girls soccer. Sophomore Emily Smith was given the award for Outstanding Soccer Player for her numerous goals and defensive tactics.





A Valuable Asset - Junior Brandi Owens was given the coveted title of Most Outstanding Female Athlete for her contributions to volleyball, basketball and softball.

The Deep Blue Sea - During a touching moment Coach Molly Boyle shows the beautiful plaque that senior Amy Tolley received for the Most Outstanding Member of the Swim Team.



Outstanding Achievements

Coaches Honor

Boys Basketball
Football
Baseball
Softball
Girls Basketball
Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country
Girls Track
Boys Track
Volleyball
Swimming
Golf
Boys Tennis
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Wrestling.

Best All-Arounds

Forrest Pauley
Troy Kidd
Justin Branson
Alana Thomas
Sherell Sowho
Josh Norton
Natalie Meade
Melanie Young
Josh Norton
April Marrone
Amy Tolley and Meredith Lawson
Matt Jones
Will Walling
Steven Rainero
Megan Williams
John Almany

And The Winners Are.....



Across the Miles - Junior Natalie Meade receives recognition for her contributions to the Cross Country team by being given the Most Outstanding Runner in Cross Country.

A Feast for Kings - A group of athletes join together to celebrate their accomplishments and awards. Students recognize their peers for their outstanding athletic endeavors during the past years. Coaches give out numerous awards to students that have excelled in their particular sports. A highlight of this banquet is the dinner that was prepared by members of the cafeteria staff.

On The Ball - Freshmen Cal Synder makes an approach shot while at the net. This was Cal's first year on the tennis team. He contributed a lot to the team.



Move It Like This- During practice **Sophomore Lee Jones** shows how to make a nice forehand stroke while returning the ball.



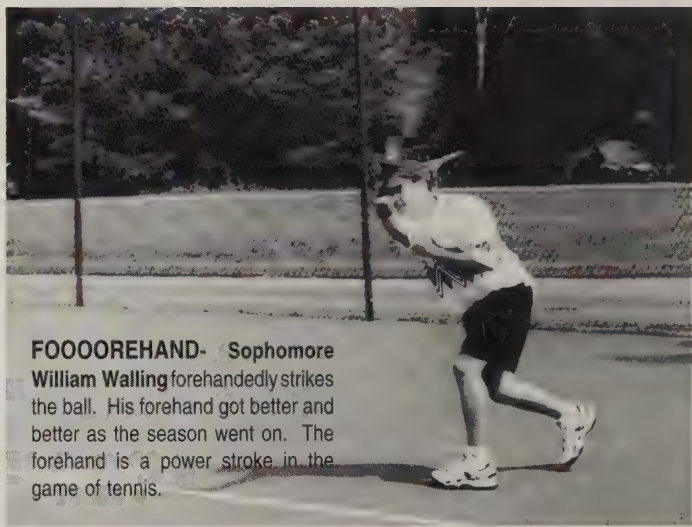
Rookie Of The Year- Sophomore Wade Edwards returns a serve during a match. Returning a serve is most often the hardest ball to return.



Holay- Sophomore Michael Stallard follows through on his one-handed backhand. Michael was a major asset to the team this year.



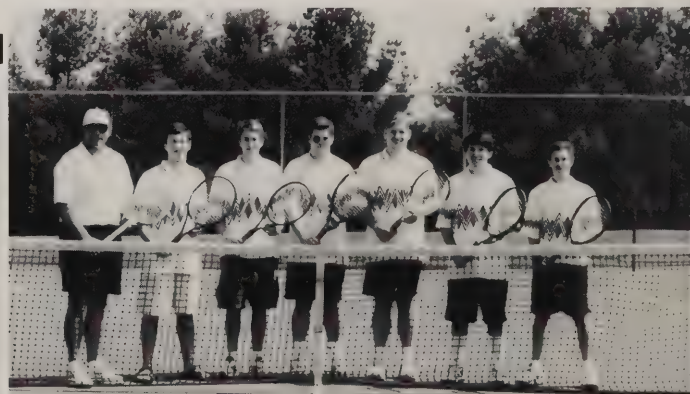
FOOOOREHAND- **Sophomore William Walling** forehandedly strikes the ball. His forehand got better and better as the season went on. The forehand is a power stroke in the game of tennis.



TENNIS



Coach Terry Caldwell was the head coach for the Boys Tennis team this year. He has successfully coached the boys team for many years.



1999 Boys Tennis Team - Pictured from left to right - Coach Terry Caldwell, Wes Dulaney, Cal Synder, Michael Stallard, Wade Edwards, Lee Jones, and Will Walling.

A Potful of Potential

Outstanding Players



Michael Stallard



William Walling

"Sophomores Michael Stallard and William Walling were our team leaders. Throughout the year they kept the rest of the team motivated and they encouraged them to keep their heads up. I have a strong respect for both of them," says **COACH TERRY CALDWELL.**

"I think I've always had the shots. But in the past, I've suffered too many mental lapses. Now, I'm starting to get away from that and my mental discipline and commitment to the game are much better. I think I'm really taking a good look at the big picture. That's the difference between being around for the final or watching the final from my sofa at home." **-Andre Agassi, professional tennis player**



Takin' a break- The '99 boys tennis team takes a moment during school to discuss their strategies for their match that day. The boys also enjoyed spending time together off the courts.

This year's tennis team was a young, fresh team. It was composed of mostly sophomores. They worked very hard and perfected many of their strokes. "This season, according to wins and losses, was one of the toughest we've ever had. But starting five sophomores and one freshman, they had all the passion and fight of a champion. They never quite, whined, gave up, or complained. They accepted each challenge with the fight of a true Bearcat and that, I am most proud of," states Coach Caldwell commenting on this year's season. "Coach Caldwell believes that with such a young team this year, next year will be even better. He says, "We're just saving money for next year and we'll go from last to first," states Coach Caldwell commenting on this year's season. Coach Caldwell believes the team has a lot of potential and will continue to get even better throughout their days playing tennis.

Emily Smith & Jessica Puckett



Back At It - Freshman Cal Synder, uses all his might to perfect his backhand during practice.



Follow Through - Sophomore Lee Jones does a double step and returns the ball while warming up before a match.

Opponent	Us Them
Richlands	1:8
Lebanon	2:7
Abingdon	1:8
Lee	3:6
Gate City	1:8
Marion	DNP
Lebanon	DNP
Abingdon	0:9
Lee	6:1
Gate City	0:9
Marion	DNP



Girl's Softball

Swinging into a good season...the Lady Bearcats started off good but ended up even better! This year the girl's softball team really "stepped up to bat" and gave it their all to have a great season. They ended up with a record of 9-2 and played aggressively to take the Highlands District title. The team also added a Regional title to their amazing season.

The team was helped by the four starting seniors: Nikki Campbell, Kristen Alley, Alyson Bowman, and Suzanne Senter. In addition, Alana Thomas having pitched for two years, has really helped the team stay ahead. Team cooperation and determination has led them to the position they hold today.

Coach - Barry Reed

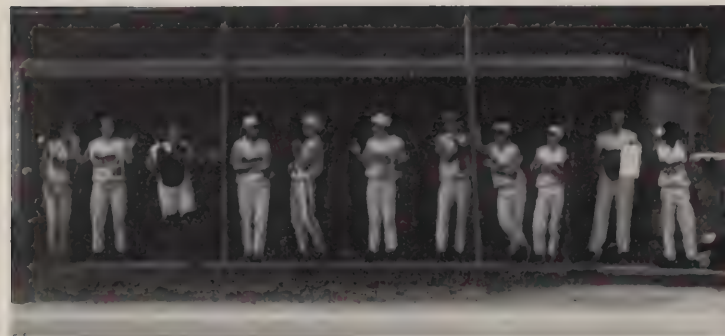


Assistant Coach - Eric Senter



DIRTY DANCING-Shortstop **Lindsey Raettig** receives the ball and tries to put the tag on Gate City's runner as she slides into second. Gate City, who is one of Virginia High's biggest rivals, often competes for the district title. This year, however, the Lady Bearcats prevailed.

CATCHER IN THE RYE-Suzanne Senter can read them like a book! Here she waits for Alana's change up. Before each pitch Suzanne will signal as to which kind of pitch she wants, either a drop ball, fast ball, or change up.



GO BIG ORANGE, GO GO BIG ORANGE!

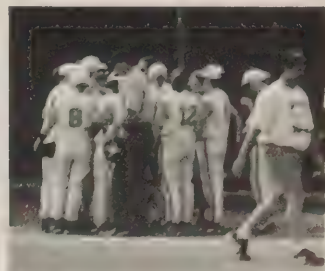
This is just one of the many cheers that the softball team chants during their games. These cheers get the players pumped up and ready to kick.....well ready to hit the ball hard!





WINDING UP- Pitcher **Alana Thomas** gets ready to throw a fast ball to her opponent. Alana is an intergral part of the team and as Coach Reed said, "The team can only go as far as the pitcher can take them."

Opponent	Us	Them
Tazewell	3	2
Sullivan East	12	3
Tazewell	1	3
Richlands	1	5
Richlands	10	6
Lee	11	3
Lebanon	2	0
Tennessee High	9	4
Abingdon	12	4
Gate City	7	5
Marion	10	0
Lee	12	0
Knoxville Tournament	3rd	
Lebanon	4	3
Abingdon	3	4
Gate City	4	2
Marion	16	1
Gate City	4	2
Regional		
Basset	4	2
Patrick County	3	1
Northside	4	3



"This team truly achieved the most by winning the District Championship."

--Coach Reed



Girl's Softball -

1st Row - Nikki Glover, Amber Sullins, Sheree Gibbs, Britini Penley, Lindsey Raettig, Kari Callanan, Ashley Grubb 2nd Row - Kristin Alley, Alyson Bowman, Alana Thomas, Brandi Owens, Nikki Campbell, Suzanne Senter.



According to



Coach Daniels...



Ryan Dunn- "Ryan has a great future in baseball. I look forward to watching Ryan develop at Old Dominion University."



Aaron Tobey- "Aaron had a good year. He plays the game very hard. He is going to be a good college player."



Chris Whiteaker- "Chris is a super person that has a great love for the game. I am very excited for Chris's opportunity to continue his baseball career at Emory."

LEAP OF FAITH- One of Lebanon's base runners leap toward home plate but is out due to the blocking of freshman **Jeremy Wright**. This was a crucial play of the game.

IN THE "STEAL" OF THE NIGHT- Sophomore **Israel Gibson** slides under the tag as he steals second base against Lee High. Speed is a key element in having a good offense.



HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT- Senior **Aaron Tobey** prepares to hit the ball. He tries to determine which type of pitch the pitcher is going to throw.

HUDDLE TIME- Planning a strategy, senior **Chris Whiteaker**, sophomore **Jacob McAllister**, and Pitching **Coach Nave** decide how to pitch to the next batter.



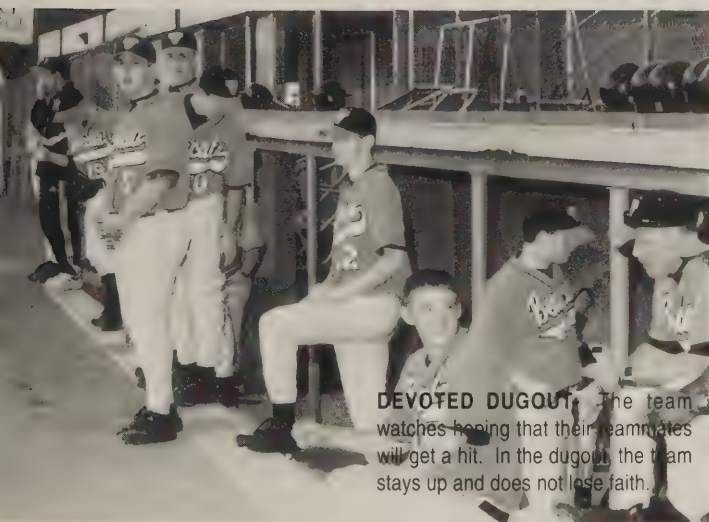
Take me out to the ballgame...

The baseball team had "many highs and lows". They started off on the right foot when they went to Charleston, S.C. They proved to have much talent as they placed 3rd out of 32 teams in this Hanahan Invitational Tournament. The baseball team beat the 15th ranked team in the nation, Belen Jesuit, who was favored to win the tournament. Other highlights include defeating Tennessee High and retaining the CityChampionship. Even though it was a rebuilding season, the young team worked hard and proved to be successful. The team learned to play as a team rather than excell individually. Also, three out of four seniors are going to play college baseball.

Coach Daniels states "We had a very young inexperienced team to start the season. These young men worked extremely hard and although we feel short of our goal (State Tournament), we have definitely layed a solid foundation for the next three years."



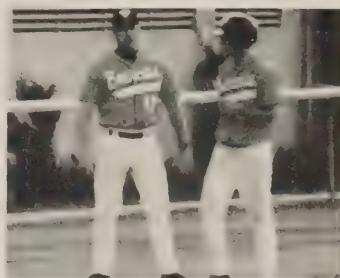
CRAZY 8- Senior **Ryan Dunn** slides into second base as he successfully steals against Abingdon. Stealing bases gives the team a better opportunity to score.



DEVOTED DUGOUT: The team watches hoping that their teammates will get a hit. In the dugout, the team stays up and does not lose faith.

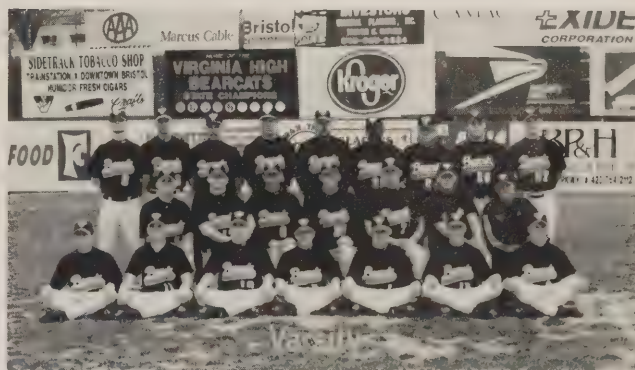
Baseball

Opponent	Us	Them
Tennessee High	7	6
John Battle	0	6
Richlands	15	2
H.I.T. Super 32 Tourney	3rd	
Lee High	1	4
Lebanon	4	8
Abingdon	9	4
Gate City	6	4
Marion	12	2
Lee High	10	4
John Battle	2	3
Lebanon	7	6
Abingdon	11	1
Gate City	6	7
Richlands	10	5
Marion	6	8
Lee	14	1
Abingdon	3	6



"Coach Daniels has been a really great coach this year. He has always had confidence in our team and has never lost faith in us."

-Doug Nelms



First Row- Jacob McAllister, Aaron Tobey, Justin Norton, Buddy Adams, Josh Frazier, Robbie Raettig, Justin Branson

Second Row- Devin Arnold, Michael McInnis, Doug Nelms, Derek Rose, Israel Gibson, Thomas Moore, Kevin King

Third Row- Ryan Dunn, Chris Whiteaker, Coach Wright, Coach Nave, Coach Daniels (Head Coach), Coach Lee, Coach Kovacs, Andrew Belcher, Jeremy Wright **Not Pictured-** Bryan Morrison



Front Row- Chris Horner, C.J. Lee, Josh Bryan, Derek Widener, Mike Puglisi, Nicholas Stevens

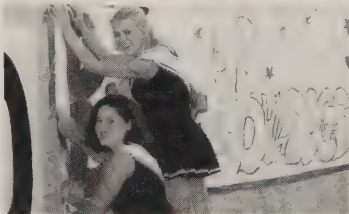
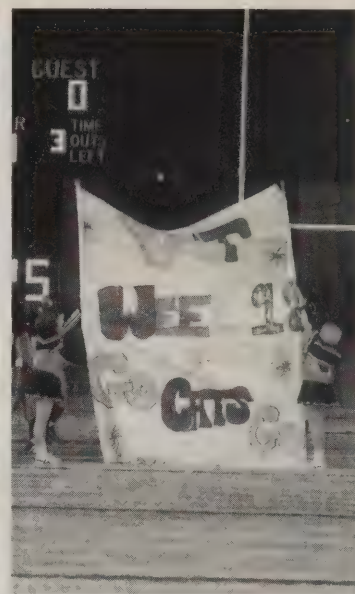
Second Row- Josh Smith, Tyler Belcher, Todd Rosenbaum, Jared Whitner, Todd Cross

Third Row- Coach Wright, Donald Ashley, Hunter Lane, Kevin Fielder, Jon Frazier, Coach Kovacs, Coach Davidson

Kodak Moment - Seniors, co-captains and friends **Ashley Moss** and **Kacey Wilson** shared many fond memories while cheering during a great football season..



Can teach old dogs new tricks
Donna Hale, the new cheerleading director, shows off her cheerleader's exciting V-T week spirit signs.



Spirit Signs - Juniors **Amy Arnold** and **Courtney Slagle** put up thier spirited signs to pysch out the Bulldogs.

Paw Power! - The cheerleaders are in action at the wild and exciting V-T week pep rally.

Get Pumped - The varsity cheerleaders before the kickoff of Homecoming game.

Go Bearcats - The cheerleaders hold up the traditional signs for the football team to run through.



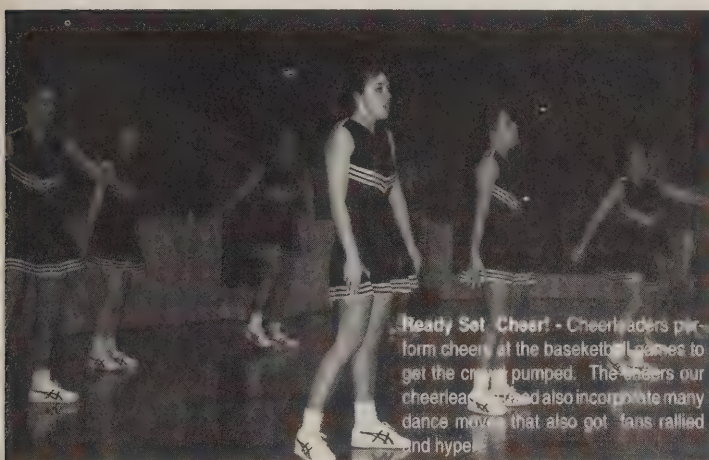
Varsity Cheerleaders: Kacey Wilson - co-captain, Ashley Moss - co-captain, Amy Arnold, Susan Renfro, and Courtney Slagle.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Jessica Johnson, Ashley Bohon, Shannon Doss, Brittany Wilson, Amber Sullins, Jessica Hearl, and Mia Hawkins

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall...

The Cheerleaders made a pyramid...The Cheerleaders did a cheer...



Ready Set Cheer! - Cheerleaders perform cheers at the basketball games to get the crowd pumped. The leaders our cheerleaders also incorporate many dance moves that also got fans rallied and hyped.

Once upon a time some of the most enthusiastic ladies in the land led teams and fans alike into great spirit. The cheerleaders are an asset to a sporting event because they help bridge the gap between the spectator and the athlete. This year our cheerleaders have had an exciting and fun season. With a new sponsor the girls had a wonderful year. Mrs. Hale, guidance counselor, became the new cheerleading coach. Both the girls and Mrs. Hale adapted well to the change and had lots of fun together. Another change this year was the shift of one season into two seasons. There was one squad during football season and one during basketball season. The girls could do either one or both if they wanted. The new changes made for a wonderful cheerleading season.

Seniors 1999



**Kacy
Mink**



**Ashley
Moss**



**Elizabeth
Smith**



**Amy
Tolley**



**Kacey
Wilson**



Dancin' Fools - The varsity cheerleaders do their dance at Spring Festival. This year the dance incorporated many styles including swing, hip - hop and stunts.



Varsity Cheerleaders 1999: left to right, front row, Elizabeth Smith, Ashley Moss - co-captain, Amy Tolley, Kacey Wilson - co-captain. Back row left to right: Kristy Joris, Alana Thomas, Amy Arnold, LaShaun Johnson, Keegan Byington. (Not pictured: Kacy Mink)

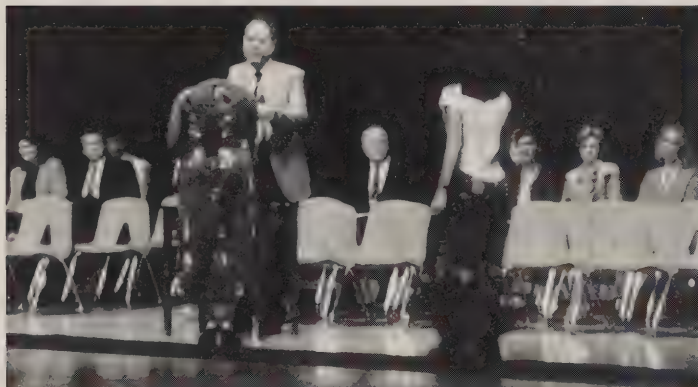


1999 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders - Front row left to right - Hope Dennis, Casey Blankenship, Britini Penley, Middle row left to right - Jessica Hearl, Mindy Fields, Josie Russell, Back Row left to right - Brittany Wilson, Amanda Justice



One, Two, Buckle My Shoe-Senior **Beth Sherwood** receives an award for outstanding performance in Technical Math from **Mrs. Sue Melkowski**. Through hard work and discipline, Beth was able to achieve such a commendable award.

Now We Know Our ABC's-Senior **Rosa Kim** receives an award for outstanding achievement in Advanced Placement English from **Mrs. Sonja Holcomb**. Rosa had to work very hard throughout the year to obtain this high honor.



Stepping Up to the Podium-Senior **Shabazz Coleman** and Senior **Rosa Kim** receive awards from **Mr. Richard Rollins** for their participation in Forensics. Shabazz placed second in poetry and Rosa placed second in prose. These students, along with many others, recited memorized material in front of several different groups of people, including their classmates. They were judged in competition where all students did a very good job.



The Next Anne Bradstreet-Junior **Shelley Harper** received the distinguished award of outstanding achievement in Advanced Placement English from **Mrs. Sonja Holcomb**. Shelley deserved this very prestigious award because of her hard work and effort throughout the year.



And the Winner Is...-Mr. **Frank Mitchell** accepted his award for Outstanding Teacher in History from **Mr. Ernie Pennington**, president of the PTA.

PTA Awards

Art-

Jason Davenport, Suellen Leonard, Justin Peters, C. J. Bloomer

Auto Technology-

Taylor Hughes, Matthew McClellan, W.J. Crusenberry

Business Education-

Hope Shockley, Troy Kidd, Sarah King, Dustin Mullins, Suzanne Senter, Kari Callanan, Jon Tauscher, Jessica Bennett, Sheree Gibbs

Cosmetology-

Keegan Byington, Tyler Phillippi, Shabazz Coleman

Drafting-

Todd Rosenbaum, Drew Winnie, Seth McDonald, Tracy Turner, John Friend

Electricity/Electronics/-

Culinary Arts-

Michael Witt, William Bledsoe, Josh Musick, Matt Jessee, Jason Valdez, Sara Whited

English-

Amber Sullins, Matt Richardson, Kari Callanan, Stephanie Hairston, Adam Canter, Shelley Harper, Dustin Mullins, Rosa Kim, Leigh Evans

Drama and Speech-

Joseph Rhymer, Josh Littleton, Emily Monroe, Jessica Gill, Lindsey Foster, Shabazz Coleman, Rosa Kim, Sarah Woody

Journalism-

Kari Callanan, Sandy Ross, Justin Norton

Foreign Language-

April Foster, Megan Williams, Kari Callanan, Wilton Goodpasture, Sheri Carter, Kaleena Franks, Sally Schneider, Jason Davenport, Natalie Meade, Robert Keiffer, Scott Moffat, Wes Dulaney, Jordan Pennington, Rosa Kim

Health Occupations-

Melanie Young, Amanda Justice

Marketing Education-

Christy Lawson, Forrest Pauley, Courtney Thurston, Beth Sherwood, Tyler Kirk

Mathematics-

Larry Watkins, Beth Sherwood, Daniel Griffin, Sveta Yavny, Michael Neese, John Harvey, Wes Dulaney, Collin Waldron, Jason Davenport, Natalie Meade, Rosa Kim

Science-

Bridget Widner, T.J. Bussey, Jane Zhang, Wes Dulaney, Natalie Meade, Adam Canter, Shelley Harper, Seth McDonald, Jon Tauscher, Reid Barnett

Social Studies-

Forrest Pauley, Jon Tauscher, Nikki Glover, Ashley Stamey, Wes Dulaney, Adam Canter, Jessica Lee, Sheri Carter, Emily Monroe

Technology Education-

Donald White, Daniel Griffin, Brandon Moore, Kelly Waller, Scott Leonard

Work and Family Studies-

Amanda Rhymer, Jessica Lee, Misty Lawson, Brooke Smith, Lucinda Almarode

Special Awards-

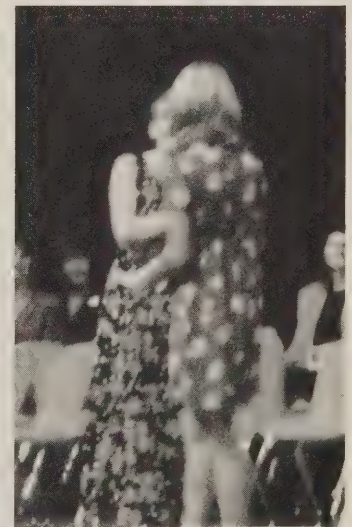
Jordan Pennington, Daniel Schneider, Wilton Goodpasture, Cassie Carden, Matt Richardson, Todd Rosenbaum, Thomas Bussey, Casey Huffman, Amber Sullins, Paul Weaver, Jared Whitner, Jeremy White, Scott Moffatt, Joe Hill, Nikki Glover, Brian Hicks, Wes, Dulaney, Jessica Johnson, Joseph Rhymer, Heather White, Jason Davenport, Rosa Kim, Kristen Alley, Brent Hagy



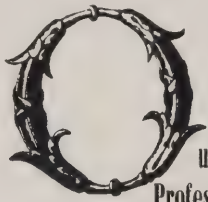
Artistically Speaking-Sophomore **Jane Zhang** was awarded a certificate for promising artist from **Mrs. Nancy Simmons**. This award was given to those students who showed potential to be an excellent artist.



The House Jack Built-Sophomore **Todd Rosenbaum** received an award for outstanding performance in Drafting I from **Mr. John Melvin**. This award was given for his hard work and participation in the class.

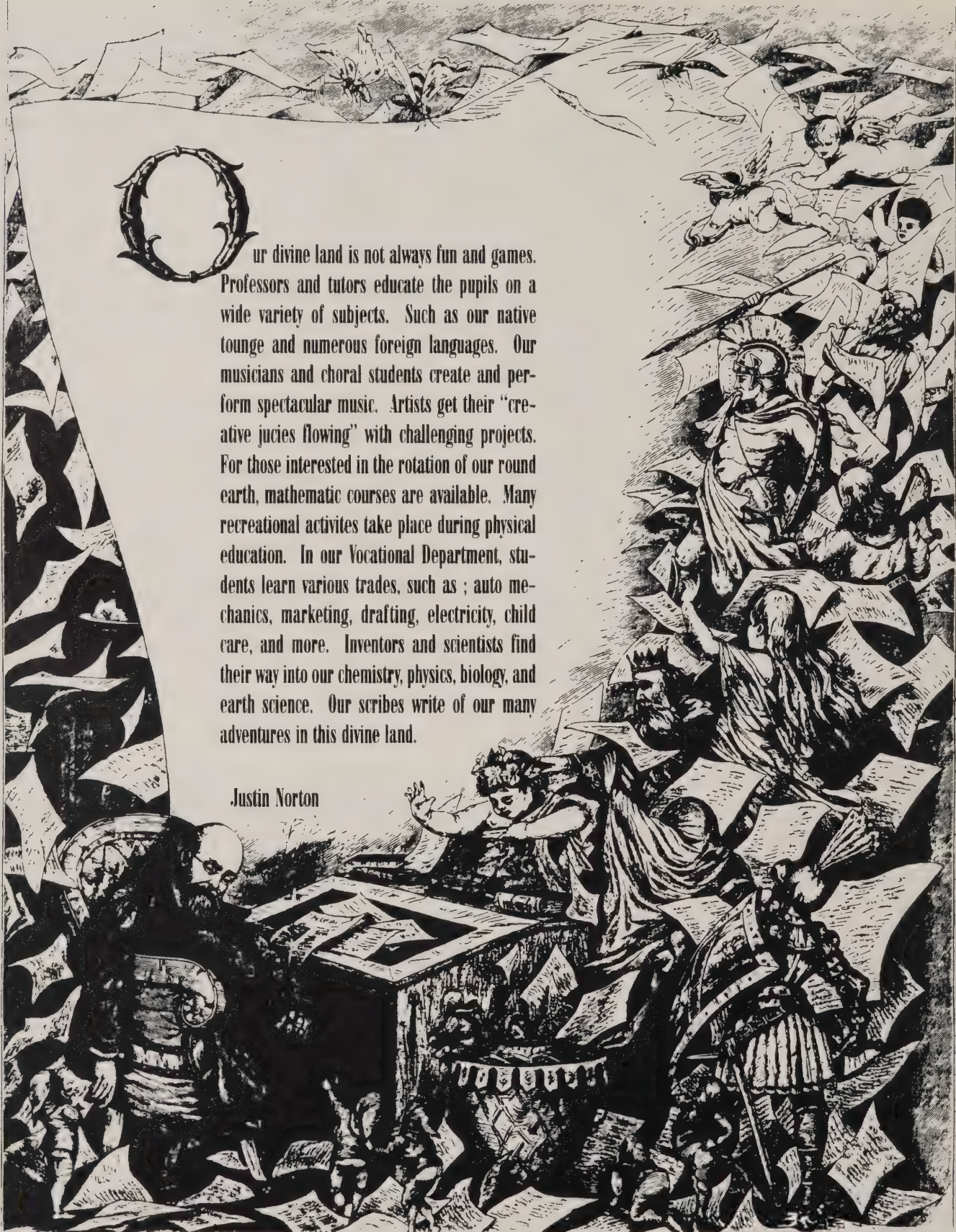


And Now You Know the REST of the Story-Senior **Kacey Wilson** receives the Outstanding Spirit Award presented by the Journalism class for exceptional spirit and contributions to Virginia High.



ur divine land is not always fun and games. Professors and tutors educate the pupils on a wide variety of subjects. Such as our native tounge and numerous foreign languages. Our musicians and choral students create and perform spectacular music. Artists get their "creative jucies flowing" with challenging projects. For those interested in the rotation of our round earth, mathematic courses are available. Many recreational activites take place during physical education. In our Vocational Department, students learn various trades, such as ; auto mechanics, marketing, drafting, electricity, child care, and more. Inventors and scientists find their way into our chemistry, physics, biology, and earth science. Our scribes write of our many adventures in this divine land.

Justin Norton





Macbeth's last stand- Seniors **Mindy Campbell** and **Amber Arnold** create a replica of Dunsinane Castle in Mrs. Palmer's English 12 class.

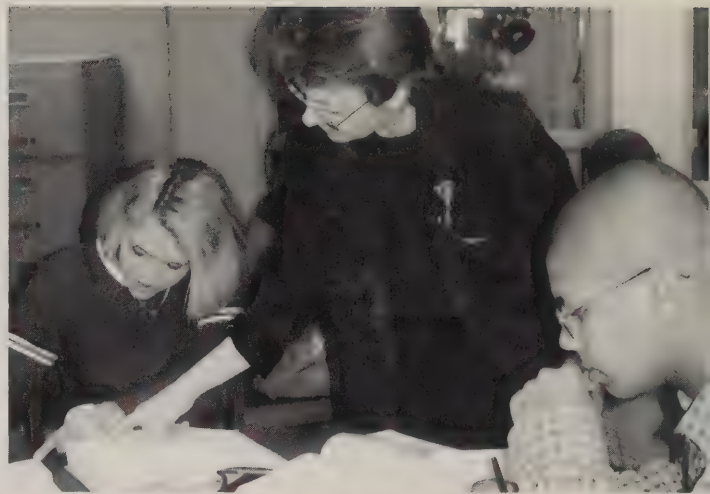
Rock formation- While studying the formations of rocks, freshman **Sarah Blankenship** and **Katie Winters** examine a model of the earth's crust.



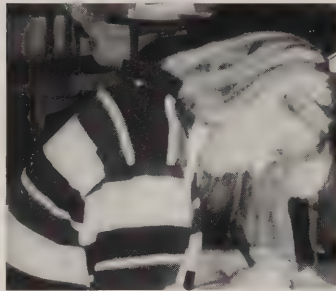
Picasso at work- Sophomore **Jason Davenport** works on a Christmas card project during art class. The Christmas cards are displayed in the halls for all students and faculty to enjoy.

Hard at work- Mrs. Bays Algebra II class is hard at work on an assignment, while she smiles for the camera. One can often find teachers aiding students.

Notecards Galore! - English teacher, **Mrs. Propst** helps seniors **Alyson Bowman** and **Marcus Goins** on their much dreaded research papers. Students obtain much of their information for these reports from books in the library and the Internet.



Not Another Test! - One of the things students like freshmen, dread the most are tests. Unfortunately, we all have to take millions of them during our high school years.



Jonesborough Days - Students in Honors English classes took a field trip to Jonesborough, Tennessee for the annual storytelling festival. There were many story tellers there, but the favorite of many was Brother Blue who loves butterflies. Here he is with freshmen and sophomore girls after he completes his teenage version of the classic "Romeo and Juliet."



Teacher For A Day - Students like senior **Dustin Mullins** are assigned oral reports which they must present to the class. This helps them learn to speak in front of large groups easily.



See Jane. See Jane Study. Sophomore foreign exchange student, **Jane Zhang** sits in the library and reads an American History book. Jane has enjoyed her stay in America so far and her favorite thing to do is "to play the piano."



Hard Workers - Students in Ms. Acuff's sophomore Advanced English class are hard at work on their grammar exercises.

English

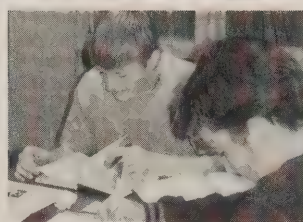
Department Full of Talent!



The Thinker - Many students like 9th grader **Shannon Doss** are offered a reading class where they improve their reading skills. They work on activities that challenge them in comprehension and vocabulary, which will help them in the future.



Computer Fun- Along with several others, English teacher **Ms. Acuff** was lucky enough to receive five brand new computers in her classroom. This allows students to type research papers and do activities while becoming familiar with the computer.



Research Time - Students have the opportunity to work on assignments and to research in the library during English classes. Seniors **Jack Goodson** and **Thomas Moore** are busy working on their research papers.

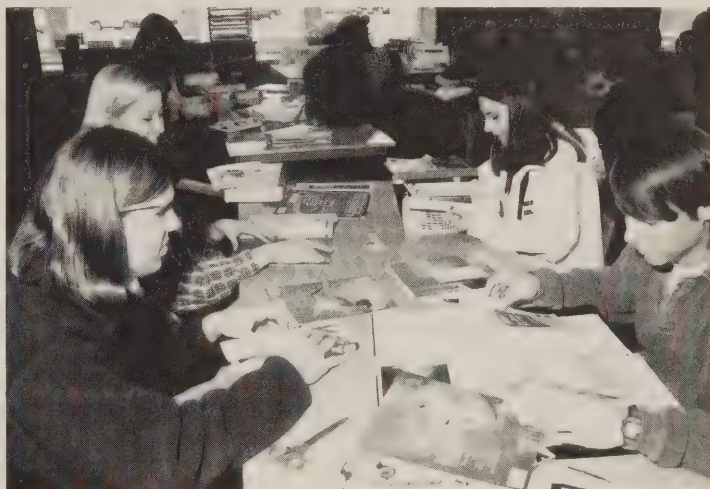


Busy At Work - **Mr. Rollins** teaches drama in addition to English classes. The drama students direct the Spring Festival where students have the opportunity to display their talents.

The English department, including its teachers, students, and courses has much to offer. Let's start with the teachers. They all try to produce students that can write well, comprehend stories, understand grammar, and have a wide knowledge of the history of the English language. For instance, Ms. Propst heads SWAC and Tapestry with Mrs. Holcomb, while Mrs. Schlatter is over Forensics and Mr. Morrell does HSTW. Mr. Rollins and Mrs. Palmer not only teach English during the day, but one teaches drama and the latter journalism. Finally, Mr. Yelton coaches boy's soccer and Ms. Acuff puts together the school calendar and Senior Luncheon.

The English department takes many field trips throughout the year and heads many activities. Honors English and AP students took a trip to Jonesborough, TN for the annual storytelling festival, which gave them a feel of our American heritage. Also, many classes attend plays that help them comprehend selected readings better. The Drama class directs the Spring Festival which is quite a job. They have to build the set and work on lighting. Finally the journalism class produces the yearbook which holds memories that will never be forgotten.

Jessica Puckett



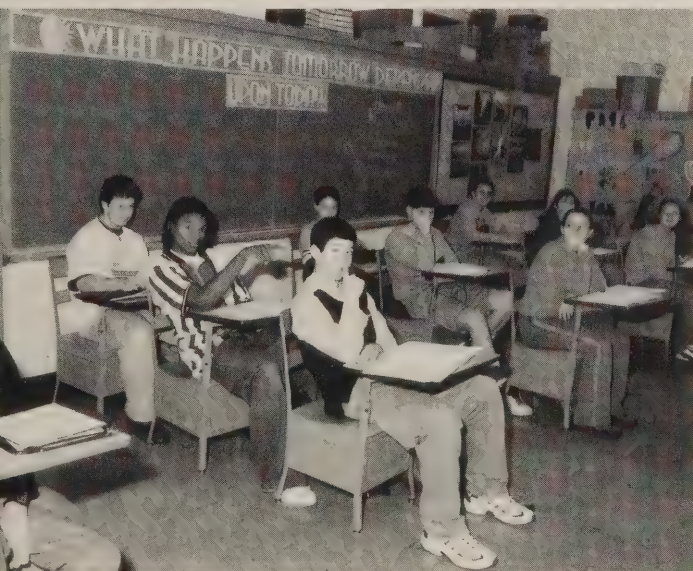
Senior English Students - **Heather Bord**, **Candy Whicker**, **Brad Stopfel**, and **Brian Dellinger** in Mrs. Palmer's English class are working on their character shadows. They look for words in magazines that describe the emotions the characters in the play Macbeth are feeling.



OH NO! - Evidently Junior, **Tad O'Donnell** forgot to study for his English vocabulary quiz.

Working Hard Or Hardly Working?

- These freshmen seem to be paying more attention to the camera than the notes their teacher is trying to give them.



Cheerful Voices Chant in Harmony!-Just like Snow White and her animal friends, the chorale sings in sweet harmony. Practicing is an integral part of chorale for the performances. One can see the payoff of practicing hard when the choir sings at school events.



Sing a Merry Song !-The girls choir sings a merry song. The songs the choir sings are usually merry and cheerful. Students usually practice many hours for choir, especially around performance time.

O Christmas Tree!-The Virginia High School choir performs at ETSU for a Christmas performance. Accompanied by a symphony, the choir, looking very professional, brings holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols.



Choir Leader-Mrs. Thomas, the choir director and a pianist, practices with her singers. Being a choir director means staying after school often, working on weekends, and taking trips for choir events. All of which Mrs. Thomas participates in.



Taking a Break! - Juniors **Sarah Woody** and **Brandi Owens** and Sophomore **Wade Edwards** take a breather in between songs. Not only do you learn how to sing in choir, you also make friends.

Goofing Off-Good friends and pals, chorale poses for a picture in class. The chorale is very dedicated. All of these students are taking a break from the requirement of auditioning.



Just Like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the Choir, Chorus, and Chorale Sing in Harmony.

"With a Smile and a Song..."

Once upon a time, the madrigals of Virginia High blessed the halls with their lovely voices. Just like the fairy tale, **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**, the VHS choir sings and chants all the time in their merry voices. The choir also incorporates chorus and chorale. They are all different levels of skill. One must try out to be in chorale. One can also be in mixed chorus, which is open to all who enjoy music. Then there is concert choir, which is higher level and develops voice appreciation. The chorus and chorale perform and compete at local competitions. They perform at local schools during Christmas and at springtime. The choir dedicates many hours to perfect the harmony that so many enjoy. The payoff of their hard work is admired by many. The choir has school performances in the Christmans and Spring, and they also perform at ETSU over Christmas. The choir students that are chosen get to audition for Junior High District chorus and Senior High District chorus. This is a special honor for those chosen and they are listed below. The choir is a challenging and fun way to learn about music and voice appreciation.

Choir Awards and Honors 1998-99

Junior High District Chorus

Soprano	Alto
Rachel King	Misty Morgan
Clairee Bessell	Maggie Waterman
Lindsay Raettig	Jessica Hearl
	Brittany Wilson

Junior High District Women's Chorus

Alto
Ashley Stamey
Britini Penley
Nova Via

Senior High District Chorus

Soprano I	Tenor I
Samantha Hayter	Noah Dutton
Rachel Fugate	Clint Philbrook

Bass II	Alto I
Shawn Cunningham	Amanda Pippen
Robert Kieffer	Sarah Woody
Derik Nutter	Brandi Owens

Tenor
Chris Wilkey
Alec Worley
Sedrick Settle

Senior High District Women's Chorus

Soprano I
Lashawn Johnson
Susan Renfro

Alto I
Bobbie Whitley (alt)

Tenor II
Jamal Lockett
Wade Edwards
Lee Jones
Ben Arnold
Mitchell Simmons

Alto II
S. Rosa Kim
Jennifer Proulex

Bass
Jeff Bundens
T.J. Bussey
Langley Shazor
Philip Bowers

Jeremy Wright

Kendall Pete

David Burks

Matt Pierson

Soprano II

Lindsay Browning

Melanie Young

Josie Russell (alt)

Alto II

Shamkimba Eans

Jessica Beaver (alt)

Bass I

Kevin Flannagan

Jordan Pennington

Terrell Lockett

Robert Worley

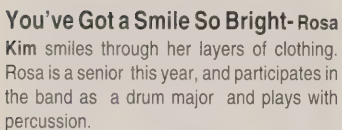


Practice makes Perfect-The men of chorale sing out in bass harmony. The boys practice so they will perform well at the competitions. Practice is an important part of chorale.

Oh La, La, La-The freshman girls practice their pretty voices, much like the voice of Snow White. Snow White sang for fun and the girls seem to be enjoying thier practice just as much.



Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly!-Fa, la, la, la, la, la...The chorale performs at their annual Christmas school performance, a wonderful event to show off their hard work throughout the year. The chorale sang some old classic Christmas songs and even some chants that were all beautiful and moving.



A black and white portrait of a young woman with a warm smile. She is wearing a dark-colored hijab and a top with a prominent geometric pattern. The background is dark and textured.



Brian White, Keenan Burton, Matt Lygal, Rob Baker, Colin Waldron, Lisa Kim, C. Reese Mena,
 Devin Flannery, and Sarah Baker. Ship record room, Christy S.
 Montgomery, and Barbara White. W.
 White, Jess C. White, and Steve
 Dawson, Lee, and Si Anderson.
 Hams, Clint Phibbrick, and Rest, and Steve Phibbrick. Sixteen, color guard: Dasha Robinson and Linda St



And the Band Played On...

When the Band Comes Marching In



Name That Tune- Anna Monroe plays a few notes just before starting practice. She is a freshman at VHS and loves to play her flute.



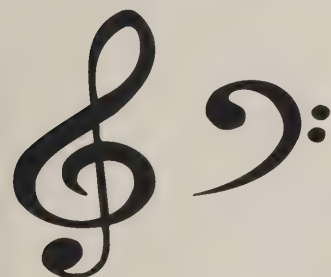
Sending Shoutouts- The saxophone take a few minutes time out to relieve some of their tension. They participate in the band for the enjoyment of it.



Beat That Drum- The drum line, Daniel Stanley, Brian Wright, and Robert Baker spent time during band practice beating their drums. They have been in the band since middle school and love to work together.



This Isn't Easy- Rachel Walden takes some time out to show Tony Dixon a few new notes on the xylophone. They are both part of the percussion section and work hard to prepare for concerts.



Just Relaxing- Sophomore Wade Edwards takes time from his trumpet to take a quick picture. He has just started playing the trumpet this marching season, and already plays as if he has had years of experience.



The Virginia High School Bearcat Band did a great job during the school year of 1998-1999. Not only were the competitions a success due to the band, but also to the new band director, Mr. Pharris. He is from Cartersville, Georgia, where he was a band director at Cass High School. The band competed in many competitions this year. After a slow start and a few struggles, the band finished off with a strong performance at the Bush Band Festival at Forbush High School in East Bend, North Carolina.

"Previously, the Band had competed in the Drums Along the Blue Ridge at Bassett High School in Bassett, Virginia. Although the results were not as we had planned, we learned from the experience and applied that to our trip to East Bend. At East Bend, the Band finished 2nd place in Class A, and also finished in 2nd in the Class A and AA Division with a Superior rating. The Band also had the 2nd highest scores in Marching and Maneuvering, and in General Effect. Drum Majors Rosa Kim and Andy Rest also received a rating of Superior. The Percussion section received a rating of Excellent and finished in 2nd place, and the Color Guard received an Excellent rating." - Mr. Pharris

Yolanda Y. Stuart

Senior Quotes-

Janett Battum- "I can't imagine how life would be right now if I hadn't joined the band. We're a family, a unit. There's a special bond between each and everyone of us now, and I think we're all a little better person because of it."

Seth Bagnall- "Work yourself to exhaustion while you're young. I was born an old man."

Christy Lawson- "Music is your own experience, your own thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn. They teach you there's a boundary line to music. But there's no boundary line to art."

Jamie Healy- "Band is like a box of Legos, many shapes, many colors."

Christy Stanley- "These past four years in the high school band have been very interesting and fun."

Kevin Flannagan- "Band was an unique experience!"

Rosa Kim- "Music is Life; The Band, my family... Six Years Max!"

Clint Philbrick- "There are the two rules in life:

1. Don't sweat the little stuff.
2. It's all little stuff."

Robert Baker- "Virginia High has the best Drumline. Word is Born!"

Band

DECK THE HALLS-Spreading holiday cheer. Seniors **Justin Norton** and **Justin Peters** fill in the outline of the Nativity scene located in the main hallway. Art-work is scattered throughout the hallways for all to see.

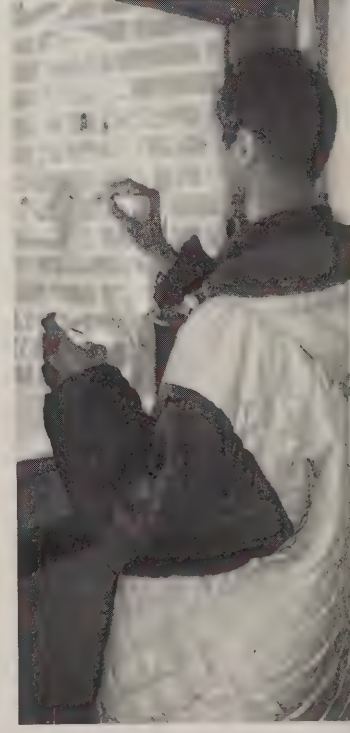
CHEESIN'-Taking time out of her busy day, **Mrs. Simmons** is all smiles. After a day of work she is still enthusiastic and cheerful.



SMILE!-Finishing up a project, Junior **Suellen Leonard** takes a little break to flash a smile for the camera.



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK-Trying to concentrate, Senior **Carmen Jones** continues to make the finishing touches. Here she is using color pencils, which is one of the many mediums the students in Art II are involved with throughout the year.



WHAT AN ANGEL-Junior **Eran Martin** puts forth the effort to get the school ready for the holidays. Painting angels in the windows and doors is an annual project for the art classes.

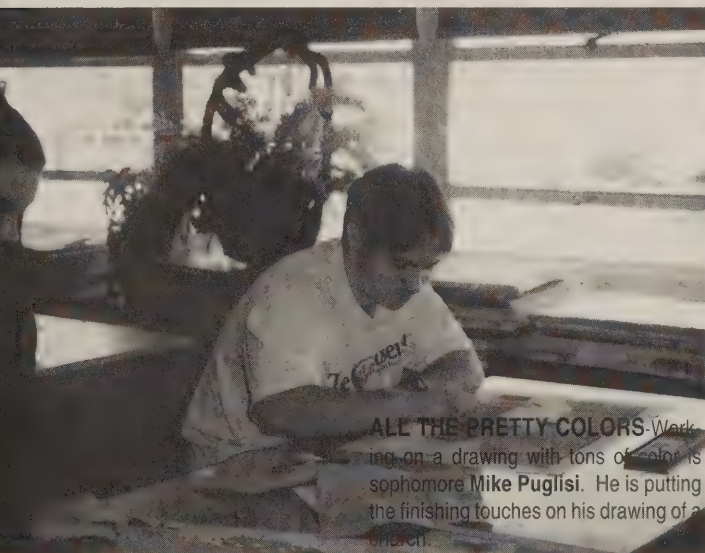
Portrait of a Young Artist

Have you ever walked through the school and noticed all the pretty things that decorate the halls? These are all thanks to the students in the art classes. Christmas is an excellent time of the year to see all the pretty decorations and projects the art classes display for the school. They decorate the windows and doors with seasonal pictures and scenes. This is a traditional project for the students that everyone enjoys and looks forward to doing.

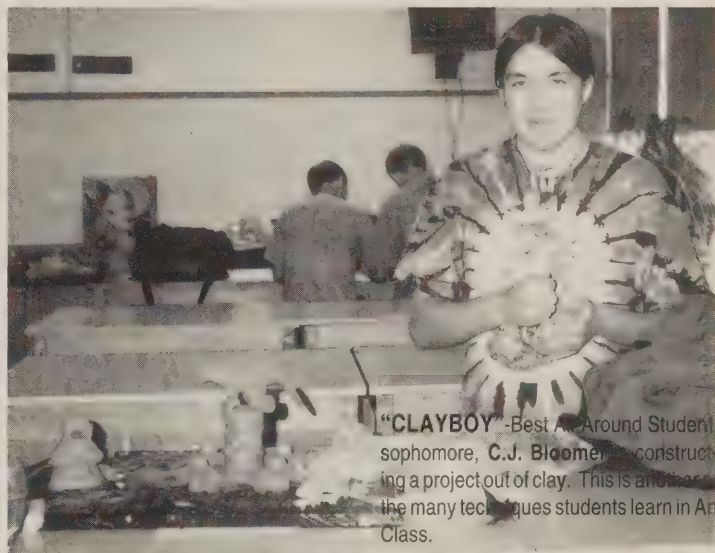
Art classes also participate in contests, which win them some awards and honors. One of these is the PTA Cultural Arts Contest. This contest is held each year and the students in Art are usually involved in it. Justin Peters won second place in Visual Arts at the district level.

Mrs. Simmons also gave some classroom awards. The Outstanding Student award went to Jason Davenport in Art I, Suellen Leonard in Art II, and Justin Peters in Art III. C. J. Bloomer was awarded the Best All-Around Art Student, and the Promising Artists are Adam Armstrong, Lindsey Foster, Pam Hagy, Casey Huffmam, Carrie Read, and Jane Zhang.

.Josie Russell



ALL THE PRETTY COLORS-Working on a drawing with tons of color is sophomore **Mike Puglisi**. He is putting the finishing touches on his drawing of a chicken.



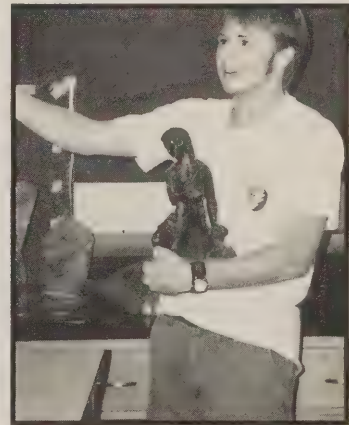
"CLAYBOY"-Best All-Around Student, sophomore, **C.J. Bloomer**, is constructing a project out of clay. This is another of the many techniques students learn in Art Class.



WORKS OF ART-The Virginia High Art students participated in the PTA Clutural Arts Contest. The work of the art classes was displayed outside the auditorium for the PTA Awards night. Various pieces were chosen and showcased for people attending the ceremony to admire.



SECRET ADMIRERS-Checking out some of the artwork displayed are senior **Justin Peters** and junior **Nick Anderson**. They are they are getting an eyefull of all the different types of artwork displayed.



STRIKE A POSE-Striking a pose is junior **Shawn Fletcher**. He has taken a minute away from class to pose with this statue.



CONCENTRATE-Freshman **Jonathan Rogers** completes his language exercises. A downside of taking a foreign language is the constant need to practice various skills.

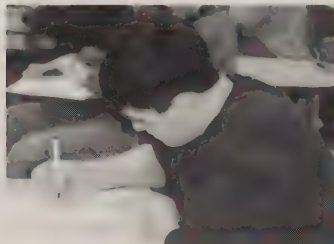
PAJAMA DAY-Mrs. Johnson's Spanish class is showing school spirit by wearing their PJs. Pajama Day is the most comfortable of all of the dress up days.



THE EYES OF GOD-Junior **April Marrone** puts the finishing touches on her "God's Eye," a project done by the upper level Spanish courses. Spanish III, IV, and V create the God's Eyes the week before Christmas break.

BUENA SUERTE!-Junior **Terrell Lockett** rushes to finish and turn in an assignment before the bell rings. Most teachers give their students very little free time, and insist on having students actually *work* in class!

ALL WORK AND (ALMOST) NO PLAY!-Except for Junior **Matt Osborne**, Mrs. Garner's combined French IV and V classes are hard at work. (Some people enjoy more free time than others!)

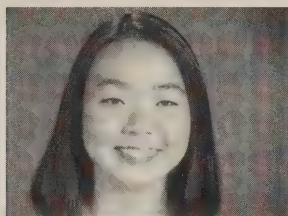


THE THINKERS-Sophomore **Casey Blankenship** and Junior **Tiffany Morrell** share and compare their answers during Spanish. Second opinions (or just answers!) often make the difference between an "A" or "B."

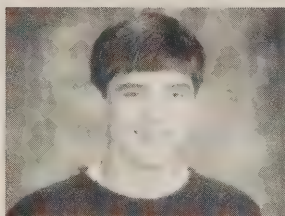


Foreign Language classes experience new cultures while...

Learning of Distant Kingdoms



ROSA KIM-"Spanish has always fascinated me because it is a rapidly spreading language, somewhat easy to learn, and fun to practice at La Carreta."



JOE HILL-"A foreign language is becoming an asset not only for college, but for getting some jobs as well."



WES DELANEY-"La idioma de espanol ha abierto mis ojos a una cultura nueva." (The Spanish language has opened my eyes to a new culture).



AMBER McCREADY-"Latin has helped me with vocabulary and the PSATs; it is a very useful language."

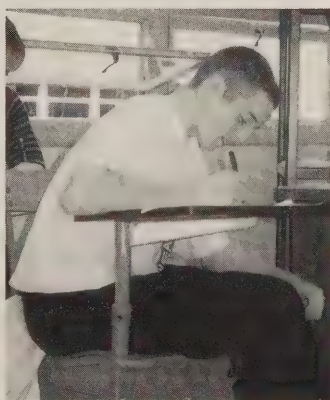
In this magical land, the students speak secret languages and learn about the cultures of distant kingdoms. Sometimes they are fortunate enough to visit these foreign lands, but most dwell upon reading, writing, and speaking their choice of Spanish, French, or Latin. They spend class time on accents, assignments, and endless exercises. Outside the classroom walls these language guilds hold Christmas parties, share gifts and traditional foods, and perform community service projects that benefit the less fortunate throughout the community.

All students are required to complete three years of one language, or two years of two different languages to graduate, but many choose to go beyond the requirements. Students who continue their language education focus on reading well-known period literature and researching the cultural aspects of their respective languages.

-Tracy Decker

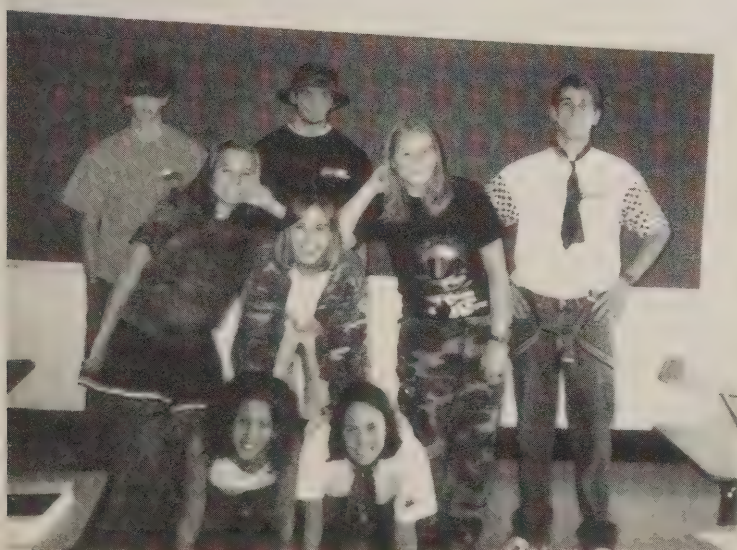


BOUCHE DE NOEL-French Club president, Senior **Sheri Carter**, and member **Christy Stanley** enjoy a traditional French holiday favorite at the Christmas French Club meeting. Christy cooked this cake for the other members herself.



ESTUDIAS MUCHO?-Junior **Parker Gemmell** practices hard work ethics in **Ms. Graham's** Spanish class. Ms. Graham is a new Spanish teacher in the language department here at Virginia High.

A (CAMOUFLAGED) TOWER OF SPANISH-Mrs. Johnson's Spanish IV and V seniors love to show off for the camera! Spanish IV and V are combined in one class, so the students are experiencing two Spanish classes at once.



CAN WE ALL TAKE A BREAK? The average Latin students spend most of their class time learning vocabulary, Roman culture and geography. This aids students when preparing for the National Latin Exam.



BUILDING A FUTURE- Sophomores **Todd Rosenbaum, Buddy Adams, and Matthew Pfountz** gaze at a villa or Roman farmhouse. The Latin class has many models of Roman buildings that students can look at for cultural knowledge.



TOSS IT TO ME! Spanish students toss the ball to see how far they are able to count in Spanish. **Ms. Graham** develops many activities that enhance the students knowledge of basic skills in Spanish I.



CATCHING UP- Junior **Tad O'Donnell** goes in for extra help. Many students have an opportunity to come before or after school to catch up on their work, or improve their skills.

'TIS THE SEASON- In French club, students participate in a Christmas gift exchange. Junior **Cassie Carden**, Sophomore **Hope Shockley**, and Freshman **Chris Winnie** act as little elves. The students use this time of passing out gifts to show their joy of the season and their friendship to each other. (Or practice the gift of gag giving.)



Students sample a variety of activities in-

The Magical World of Language



ASHLEY BOHON and NOVA VIA- "We have enjoyed learning the French language and culture. Class activities that we have enjoyed included writing to our French pen pals and sampling the varieties of French foods. We are excited about the new challenges and activities that French II will bring."

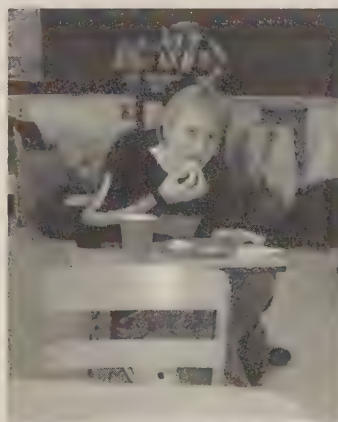
HOPE DENNIS- French is a very interesting language. I have had many great experiences learning about French speaking countries and their many historical rituals.

HEATHER LEONARD- "Being in French I has been fun. We have written to pen pals throughout the year, and have explained our customs and traditions."



WRAP IT UP- Junior **Tiffany Morrell** spends time on the famous God's eye in Spanish. This was one of the various hands-on activities that students work on during the year.

HAVING A SNACK- French club, partying before Christmas Break, enjoy a few munchies.. While celebrating the holidays, junior **Reid Barnett** grabs a hand full of treats before departing for a much needed vacation.



HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT- Mrs. **Johnson** help Seniors **Phillip Testerman** and **Aaron Tobey** during Spanish III. Taking Spanish in high school enables students build a background in language for future considerations.

Huh?-During Mrs. Drozdowski's class, sophomore **Andy Moore** asks a question about a problem on his worksheet. Teachers are always ready and willing to help a confused student in need with their expert advice.



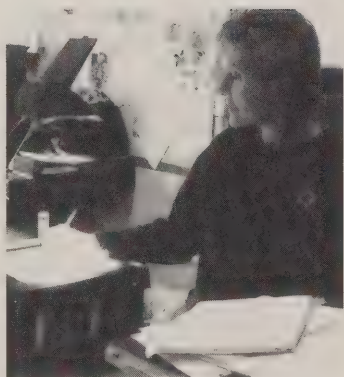
Attention Please-Students in Mrs. Cochran's class listen closely and take notes as the geometry homework is explained. Taking notes is a big part of math classes and they are very helpful when students are doing homework and studying for tests.

Putting Our Heads Together-Students in Mr. Shoun's engineering class work together in a team building exercise. These students had to put their heads together to find a way through a map of a certain location.



Let me help you with that-During Mr. Shoun's engineering class, junior **Joey Woltz** and Sophomore **Jarrod Wilson** help each other with a lab. Mr. Shoun's class often does labs that encourage team work.

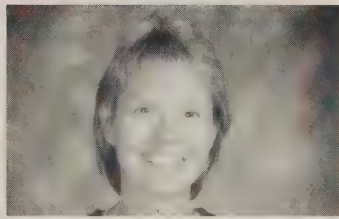
Master of her trade-Geometry teacher, Mrs. Melkowski, keeps herself busy by writing notes and example problems on the overhead for her students. The overhead is a favorite tool for math teachers, who have a lot of explaining to do.



Help!-During Mrs. Cochran's Geometry class, Sophomore **Meredith Lawson** gets help with a tough assignment. Mrs. Cochran is one of the few teachers who stay after school to ensure her students' success in math.



Math Classes Teach Real-Life Skills



"Doing your best, life skills, thinking and reasoning, respect for my self and others, working hard, and setting goals are real skills that I try to give my students."

"I try to instill good study habits, work ethic, organizational skills, and, most important of all, I stress that honesty and integrity are essential to 'real success'."

"Not only math skills, but life management skills-organization, and the importance of doing all work neatly and to the best of their ability."

"Trig. is a difficult class but it is important for the future. It also looks good on college applications."

Mr. Osborne

Mrs. Melkowski

Mrs. Bays

Sarah Tipton

The math department has been and is a very hard working, dedicated part of the staff. Since math is a difficult class for many students, the teachers come before and stay after school to help their students succeed. Most of these teachers come to school at 7:00 a.m. and do not leave until well after the 2:40 bell rings. There is now a new tutoring program in which students can come and meet with **Mrs. Melkowski** at 6:00p.m. and discuss homework, take make-up tests, or just attend to better understand something new. **Mrs. Melkowski** has done very well with this new program.

Math is an important part of a student's curriculum because it is needed throughout all walks of life. Students who go to college need math for almost any field that they are planning on entering. For students who don't plan on going to college, math is a much needed asset. Although math is a hard obstacle to overcome, it is a battle well worth the time it takes to fight it.

Allison Smith



Seeing is Believing-Students in **Mrs. Melkowski's** 4th period class pay close attention to the overhead while getting the assignment for the day.



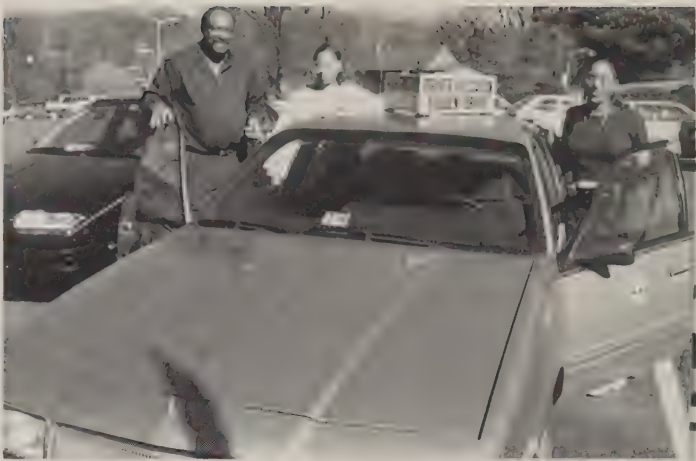
Nerds all around-During **Mrs. Drozdowski's** class, **senior Robert Baker** snacks on some candy while working on his math. Many students like a little snack during the time when they are waiting for lunch.

Concentration, Concentration Just Because -During Mrs. Bays' Algebra II class, Senior **Jennifer Surber** works hard to find the answers to the problems. Math is one of the biggest challenges for most students.

CATCHING Z'S- The Advanced P.E. class takes a little time off to take a nap. Mrs. Baker usually allows the class to take a few days off from their busy curriculum.



LICENSE TO DRIVE- Sophomores Deonna Fields and Yolanda Stuart get ready to head out onto the road. Driver's Ed is a required class for anyone who wishes to receive a driver's license.



JUST FOR KICKS- Senior Justin Peters tries to get the ball past Junior Nate Oakes in a friendly game of speedball. Speedball is a game that requires team cooperation and communication.



KILL IT!!! Freshman Donald Ashley proves to spike the ball and put his team ahead. Volleyball is a popular sport in the gym classes.



CANNONBALL!!! Sophomore Shannon Eller does a cannonball off of the diving board, while getting the spectators all wet. Students are often allowed to jump off of the diving board when they are given free days.



SPLISH SPLASH- This Freshman swimming class has fun playing volleyball in the pool. Students often divide into teams and compete in a volleyball game for fun.

Capture The Flag

A young boy was running through the woods to escape an evil troll. Shortly after he started running, he began to wheeze and lose his breath. The boy hid away from the troll in a nearby tree for several days. He soon began to cough and sneeze. All of a sudden, the tree yelled at him. "How dare you sneeze on me!", he angrily screamed. "Do you want to get me sick? Just the other day you were short of breath just after running for a few feet and now you've allowed yourself to become sick? Haven't you ever taken Physical Education before?"

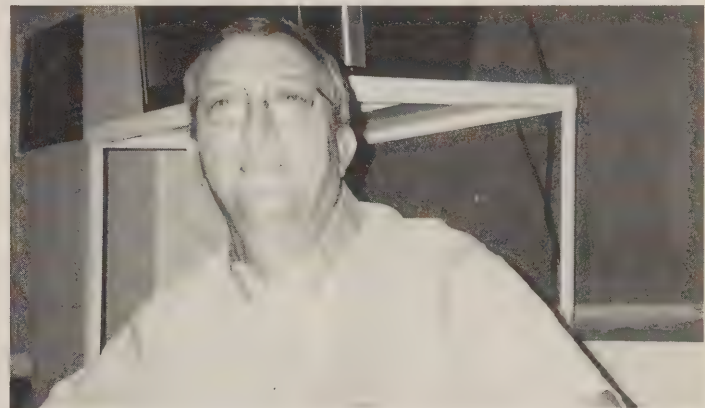
Physical Education is divided up into four main divisions, Physical Education, Health, Driver's Education, and Advanced Physical Education. Physical Education, or P.E., is a required class for all 9th and 10th graders. In P.E., students play a number of games including speedball, battleball, and wiffleball. P.E. also includes one six weeks of swimming, where students learn correct formations and play water games. They also are required to participate in the physical fitness every fall and spring. P.E. and Health alternate weeks throughout the year. In Health, students learn about hygiene and diseases. The students usually watch many informative videos and do helpful bookwork. In the 10th grade, students take Driver's Education for the first semester and then Health for the second semester. In Driver's Ed., students are taken out on the street and on the driving range to learn vital information about driving. Students not driving stay in the class and watch videos and do bookwork. In 11th and 12th grade, students can take Advanced P.E., students scuba dive, go skiing, and do aerobics, plus many more activities. In conclusion, Physical Education is a class that can be taken in all grades that teaches one to take care of themselves and have fun doing it.



DON'T BREAK A LEG!- Sophomore **Ben Harrison** practices keeping his balance, with a little help from **Mrs. Baker**. Learning the fundamentals of Gymnastics is one of the key elements taught in P.E.

I GOT IT! I GOT IT!- Freshman **Nick Volmer** passes the ball with the look of serious concentration on his face. Some take games in P.E. seriously, but most just relax and have fun.

SAY CHEESE!- Coach **Icenhour** takes a break from teaching to say hi to the camera. Health usually consists of bookwork, videos, and sex education.



Fun Times-During the Christmas holidays these students get together to eat, talk, laugh, and spend some time together. Christmas lets some students get away from the hustle and bustle of every day life.

Work It Out-Students enjoy many fun activities during class and out of class. **Mandy Sproles, Michael Goodell, and Melissa Cross** use their problem solving skills while working these puzzles and having fun.



Doin' The Do-While in Cosmetology, **Missy Zuara** puts her styling skills to the test by styling this mannequin's hair. Students always have fun going to cosmetology.

Snip Snip-Did you get your hair cut? **Jamie Hartsock** takes time out after his hair cut to show off his new do.



What's On Your Agenda?-While taking a break in class **Lenzy Combs** shows **Britt Daniels** what is on his agenda for the rest of the day; and **Miranda Carrier** takes a break with her favorite music group, "Backstreet Boys."



Students comment on their favorite things.

Tell Me A Story

What is your favorite fairy tale?

Melissa Cross-“Mary Poppins”
Miranda Carrier-“Aladdin”
Jamie Hartsock-“Jack and Jill”
Britt Daniels-“Dumbo”
Michael Goodell-“Alice in Wonderland”
Lenzy Combs-“Mary Had a Little Lamb”
Mandy Sproles-“Little Red Riding Hood”
Joey Brooks-“Blues Clues”
Missy Zuara-“Cinderella”

Who is your favorite song writer or music group?

Joey Brooks-George Strait
Britt Daniels-Micheal Jackson
Melissa Cross-Tim McGraw
Miranda Carrier-Leann Rimes
Isaac Litton-AC/DC
Jamie Hartsock-Backstreet Boys
Michael Goodell-Backstreet Boys
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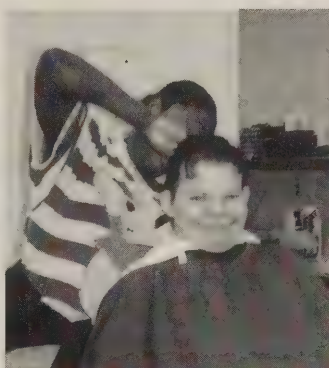
What is your favorite activity you have participated in at V.H.S. this year?

Lenzy Combs-Go to gym
Missy Zuara-Cooking
Michael Goodell-Work on computers
Mandy Sproles-Hanging out with class
Issac Litton-Gym
Jamie Hartsock-Going to cosmetology
Joey Brooks-Music
Miranda Carrier-Cheering at pep rallies

Britt Daniels-Playing on computers
Melissa Cross-Gym

What is your favorite color?

Isaac Litton-purple
Jamie Hartsock-purple
Joey Brooks-blue
Mandy Sproles-blue
Missy Zuara-blue
Michael Goodell-red
Lenzy Combs-red
Miranda Carrier-red
Melissa Cross-red
Britt Daniels-red

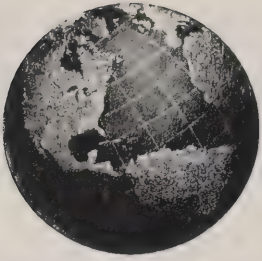


Time Out-Britt Daniels, Jamie Hartsock, Joey Brooks, Michael Goodell, Miranda Carrier, and Lenzy Combs take time out from their busy schedules to pose for the camera.

Surfing The Net-In this technology age many students are required to work with computers, however, **Joey Brooks** and **Michael Goodell** are always excited when they get to work with the computers.

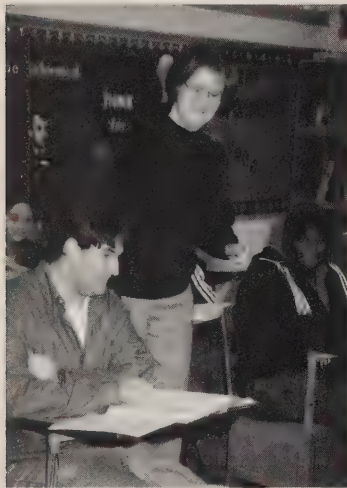
Hold Still-Cosmetology not only practice on mannequins they get a hands on experience when students go there to get their locks cut. **Issac Litton** holds still for Senior **Jennifer Mays** while she cuts his hair.

Scrub-A-Dub-Dub- Don't you just love it when someone plays with your hair? **Joey Brooks** seems to be enjoying himself while senior **Carrie McConnell** washes his hair.



No Time to Talk - Coach Locke's U.S. History class can't talk now, they are too busy working diligently at their assignments. This hard work will greatly benefit them at the end of the year.

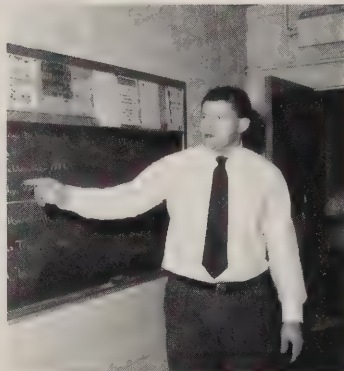
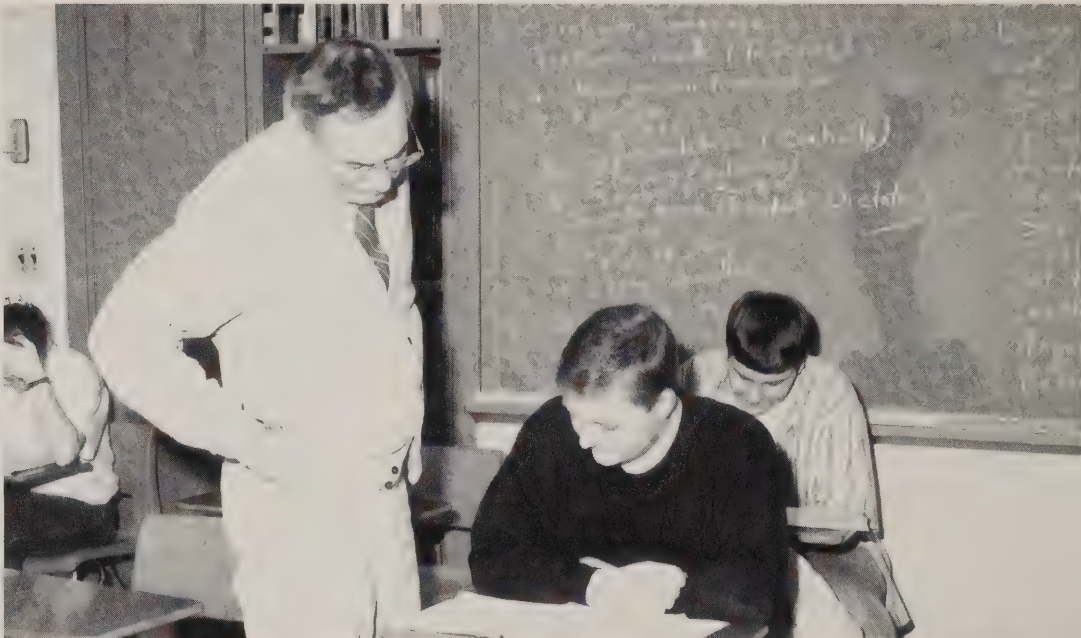
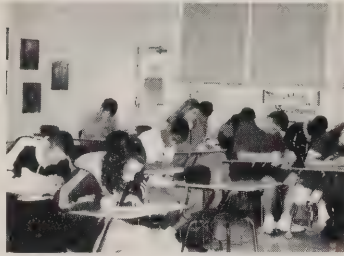
A Little Help Please- While taking notes, freshman **Jeremy Wright** asks that **Mr. Mitchell** pause during his discussion to give him a bit of help. Behind him, freshman **Erick Griffin** may be next in line.



Be Informed - Ms. Whitley's Government class is taught to think for themselves, as demonstrated by senior **Brandon Matney**. **Mrs. Whitley** hopes that after a year in her class all of her students will **"Be Informed, Be Responsible, AND VOTE!"**

Pointing the Way- Coach Locke often points out important information off of the board during his lectures. Students are often assisted with his helping knowledge of History.

No Worries- Without a book or a paper, freshman **Kenneth Hubbard** sits without a worry on his mind. Students are often given free time at the end of **Coach McNulty's** class.



Paying Attention- **Mrs. Shaw's** seventh period U.S. History class works hard and pays close attention to the information at hand. How often is it that we see so many students paying attention in class?



Explore Distant Lands and Kingdoms From Long Ago and Far Away...



Studies of the Ages- As they work on their assignments, freshmen **Tabatha Ellis**, **Kenya Rollins**, and **Mindy Fields** use their book to help them find answers they may not know on their own.



Just Looking Around- Government students take a break from class to look at the camera instead of doing their classwork. Many students often take time out from class when there is a visitor in the classroom.



Teaching the Class?-While sitting at the front of the classroom, freshman **Drew Cumbow** attempts to finish his class work. Maybe when he's finished he can teach the rest of the students how to do the assignment.



Book Worm-In Geography, freshman **Phillip Bowers** thinks extremely hard on the subject at hand. Geography is one of the many required classes that freshmen must take.

History and Geography teachers teach the story of the ages, tales of lost lands and great heros. As we look back through time we can learn more about ourselves and our ancestors. History teachers teach their students of the great things our country has done and the mistakes we have made. Being aware of these things, we will hopefully learn from the mistakes those before us made and continue to contribute to the greatness of our country. In all, we may gain so much from this which we are taught.

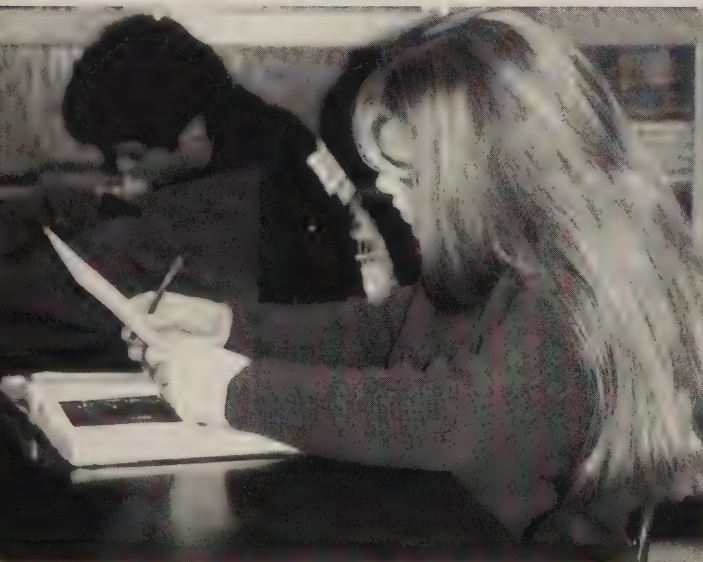
Paige Smith



Can You Keep Up?-The hurried hands of senior **Dustin Mullins** and freshmen **Jessica Montgomery**, **Chris Winnie**, **Doug Nelms** and **Caleb Kiser** rush to keep up with a lecture on Roman history. Most of the students who have had Mr. Mitchell's class highly enjoyed it.



Pop Quiz???-Social Studies teacher **Mr. McNulty** sits and ponders whether or not he should give his class a pop quiz. Will he, or won't he....I'm sure his class hopes he will vote "no."



HARD AT WORK- As she works on her assignments, freshman **Danielle Combs** attempts to study for her big test. Students most often have extra time to study for tests at the end of the period.

TEAM WORK - Junior **Suellen Leonard** and Senior **Davey Harrison** complete work on a two-day lab in Chemistry. Students often work together to learn the different aspects in "what we call Chemistry."



IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE - No, it's a mineral specimen. Here, observing and comparing the mineral specimens, are freshmen **Jon Harper, Jessie Wagner, and Evan White.**



WHAT'S IN THE BAG? - No, he's not bagging groceries, Junior **Collin Waldron** is working on his egg dropping device during Engineering.



CHEMISTRY COMPANIONS - Chemistry I students, Juniors **Sarah Woody** and **Heather White**, are working on a lab "Decomposition of a Potassium Chlorate." During this lab, students collect the data and calculate unknown variables.

TROUBLED TEST TAKERS - Students in **Mrs. Kristofeks'** Advanced Biology rack their brains while taking a test. Total and committed concentration is needed to fully understand and take the test.



COULD THIS BE THE BIG ONE?

Junior **Courtney Slagle** is drawing a circle with the radius to determine the distance from a seismograph station to the epicenter of an earthquake.



Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble!

Future Scientists Brew A Magical Compound



NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME- Mrs. Minnick explains the rock layers to her earth science class. Mrs. Minnick plays a very important part in the science curriculum, teaching earth science to the freshmen class.



AN ASPIRING NOVELIST?-No, just Sophomore **Frank Gumm** taking notes in Biology. Biology, like all other science classes, requires a lot of note taking which is a necessity in order for students to pass the class.



DON'T LET YOUR EYES BE FOOLED - This is Mrs. Kristofek, only her appearance has changed *slightly*. Many teachers participate during VT week by getting involved in the different activities including costume day.

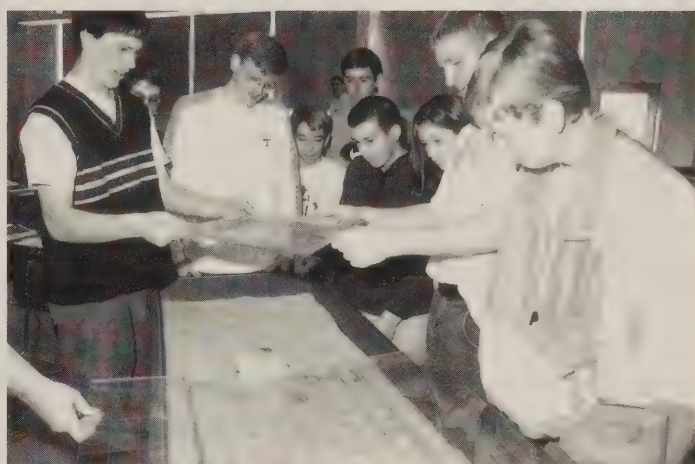


DOWN AND TROUBLED-If you have problems and you need a helping hand, you can count on **Mrs. Sams**! Here she is helping Sophomore **Robert Keiffer** in her fourth period Chemistry class.

The small boy is lost. Frogs, human skulls, and chemicals surround him--all things that might be found in a witch's brew; however, he is nowhere near any witches. Then where is he? He must be in the science classrooms at Virginia High! Many students enjoy science classes because they give them the opportunity to have hands-on experience. Labs tend to help students learn the material better because they can see and work with the things that they are studying.

Each science course gives students a chance to do different labs. Earth Science labs include creating seismic risk maps, metric measurement labs, and mineral labs. Students look forward to labs involving dissection because they are the most interesting and exciting. In Biology II, some labs include the genetics fruit fly lab, mitosis lab, and even a cat dissection lab! In Chemistry, students perform experiments in labs dealing with chemical reactions, balanced equations, and hydrated crystals. As shown, the science classrooms at Virginia High are filled with fascinating labs that are helpful to the students. All in all, science is a subject that is magical and mysterious, having mysteries that scientists today are still trying to figure out!

Katie Shields



THE RAINMAKERS - Students from Mrs. Minnick's fourth period earth science class are "making it rain" to show erosion and deposits by using a stream table.



CONCENTRATION- It can be the key ingredient in class. With different things going on, though, it can sometimes be hard to do, but Sophomore **Sham Hatcher** is proof that it is possible.



RINGLEADER -Engineering teacher, **Mr. Shoun**, is evaluating his students egg-dropping devices. If the devices do not pass the evaluation, then they are not able to compete.

Science



Winners of Deca Competitions

Leigh Ann Chapman*
Shabazz Coleman*
Leslie Corum*
Ryan Dunn
Parker Gemmell
Jessica Gill*
Kristen Helton

Terrell Lockett
Adam Martin
Jovan Martin
Matt McClellan
Justin Norton*
Justin Peters*
Mitch Rainero

Stevan Rainero
Morgan Sensky*
Beth Sherwood
Elizabeth Smith
Travis Staton
Courtney Thurston*
Candy Whicker*

* Was honored at the Deca Banquet Awards.

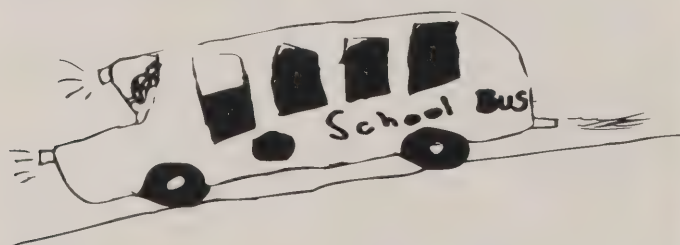
AND THE WINNERS ARE- Junior **Jessica Gill** and seniors **Adam Martin** and **Travis Staton** made it to the national level competitions. They received a vacation to Orlando Florida but it wasn't all fun and games, it was strictly business.



"WHALES" OF FUN- Junior **Jessica Gill** and senior **Adam Martin** pose for the camera at Sea World in Orlando Florida. They were just two out of the students who were eligible to compete in such a high honor and get to take this exciting vacation.



PEACE AND RELAXATION- The beautiful scenery attracts many tourists including our State Level winners. The flamingos are one of the most popular birds found in the state of Florida.



This Little Piggy Went To Market...

There are five marketing classes that Virginia High has to offer. They are Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Advanced Marketing, Fashion Marketing, and Advanced Fashion Marketing. These classes are taught by **Mrs. Sharon Acuff**, **Mrs. Lisa Dean**, and **Mrs. Nan Jones**. Every year students in these classes attend competitions that consist of different categories in which they compete. These categories are: Apparel and Accessories, Food Marketing, Retail Merchandising, Business and Services Marketing, Marketing Management, Vehicles and Petroleum, Full Service Restaurant Marketing, and Quick Service Restaurant Marketing. They compete at DECA District Competition held January 28 at the Bristol Mall, DECA State Competition held March 5-7 at Tysons Corner, VA, and DECA National Competition held April 23-28 at Orlando FL. At these competitions students take a job specific test to evaluate their knowledge in their category of competition before attempting to perform two role-play situations with business leaders as their judges. The subjects of the role-plays include promotion, physical distribution, human resources, economic concepts and principles, personal selling, marketing foundations, and risk management. They can win first, second, or third in the test, one role-play, and another role-play. The scores for all three areas are added and a student can win first, second, or third overall in a category. The student who wins first place overall in each category in the district proceeds to the state level. At the state level the first four places overall in each category proceed to the national level competition. All students are recognized as proficiency winners if their three scores average 70%.

-Deonna Fields



DO YOU MIND?-Taking time to allow the cameraman to snap a shot, seniors **Danielle Cody**, **Mindy Campbell**, **Luda Yavny**, and **Matt McClellan** show they're hard at work. Most students choose to take a Marketing class to help them prepare for life in the "fast lane."



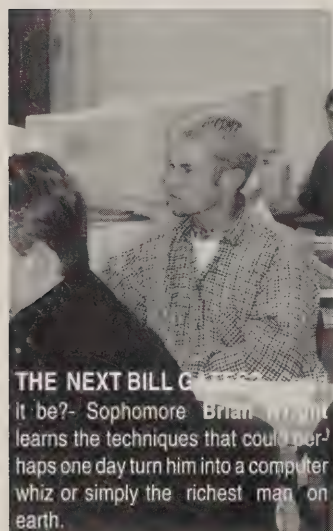
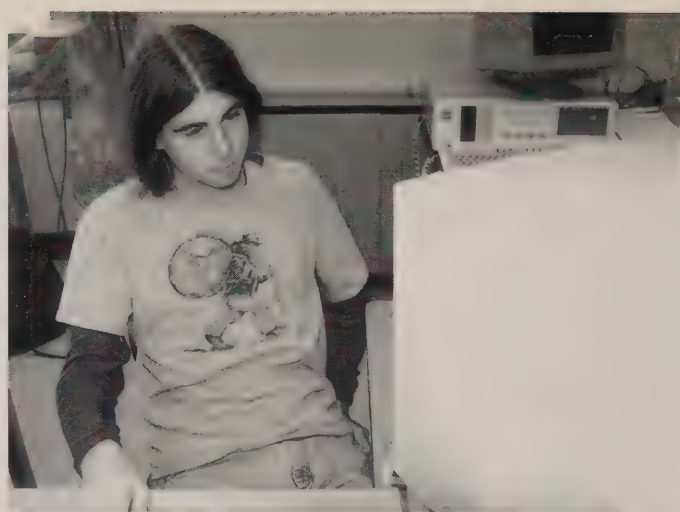
WORKING HARD!-Mrs. Jones smiles as she finishes writing an important paper. She is the Advanced Marketing and Sports Marketing teacher.

I HOPE I HAVE MR. RIGHT ON MY LIST!!-Sophomores **Bobbie Whitley**, **Brandy Gregg**, and **Amanda Blaylock** wait patiently to see who is on their list while **Mrs. Jones** searches for their names. Funded by the marketing classes, this list is very popular among the students.

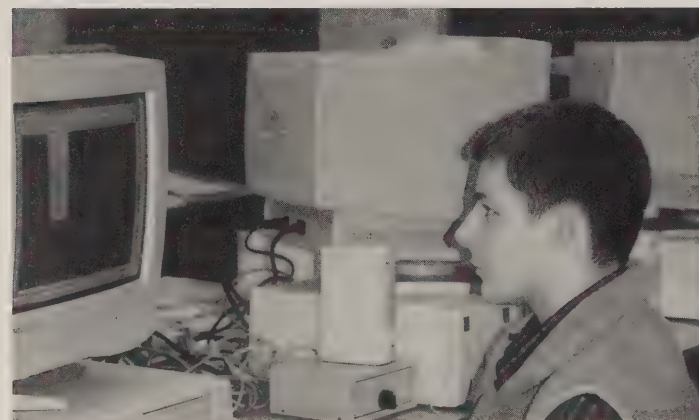
Hickory Dickory Dock- Senior **Thomas Moore** races against the clock as he tries to finish his project in Advanced CIS. Students often select this class to prepare them for a possible degree in business.

Another digit another dollar- Junior **Adam Canter** uses a digitizer to make a plan on a CAD System. Learning basic drafting skills can prepare students for work in industries.

Proud to be a bearcat- Senior **Jessica Lee** creates part of our school's own web page. On this web page are all the activities, clubs, and sports going on. Also, the web page tells the faculty members, administration, and basically any needed information about VHS.



THE NEXT BILL G
it be?- Sophomore **Brian** learns the techniques that could perhaps one day turn him into a computer whiz or simply the richest man on earth.



Drawing a better future- Junior **John Friend** creates an architectural design for a plan in **Mr. Melvin's** drafting class.

Dazed and confused- Senior **Matt Jessee** prints out a document at **Mrs. McClanahan's** desk while in Advanced CIS. In this class, students work on creating the Virginia High web page.



Hi! Ho! Hi! Ho! It's off to work we go!

Business Classes Pave the Way to the Future



Mrs. Jones thinks that business classes pave the way for the future by teaching students a combination of skills and knowledge necessary for college entrance and/or entry level employment.



Ms. Bostic also believes that business classes help students develop work ethics that many businesses expect from their employees.

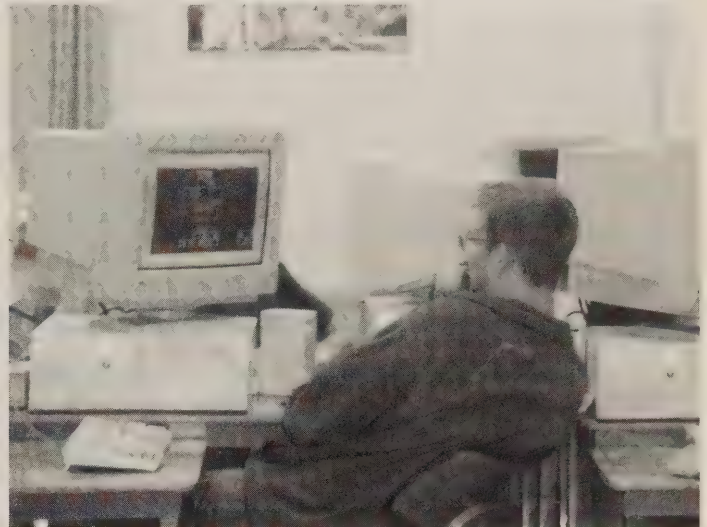


Mrs. McClanahan instructs students on the proper time management skills that will enable them to work efficiently in today's world.



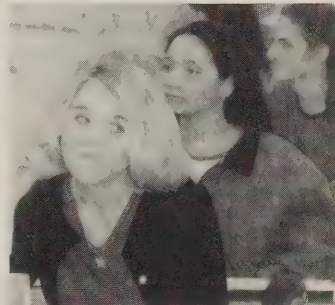
Mrs. Siegel helps students learn much-needed team-building skills for the technical way of the world today.

Computers are becoming a must for students and their school work. Many business classes are offered to help teach students how to operate them properly. Many students have computers at home and do many activities on them. Students can do anything from typing their research paper, to chatting with their best friend on the Internet. In addition, they can draw pictures, play games, and install other programs on their computer. In CISCO students learn how to network computers together and prevent certain problems that one may encounter when using computers. One major problem is electricity. If the electricity did go out, all unsaved work would be lost. This would be a major problem to businesses and students who need that document. Furthermore, computers often get viruses which can also affect the way the computers work. Another problem with these new high-tech computers is the complications. To write a simple term paper, many characteristics, such as font characters, can be changed. In business classes, students learn ways to solve these problems and even prevent them from occurring. Therefore, business classes are much needed in our world today. **Emily Smith**



THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT- Senior **Seth McDonald** works on a house design during Drafting on the CAD System. CAD is computer aided drafting technique used to make the job quicker.

SMILE PRETTY- As they sit in their business class, Junior **Milleda Simmons** and Senior **Phillip Testerman** work diligently behind Senior **Alyson Bowman**.



YOU'VE GOT MAIL - Sophomore **Charlie Pippin** and Senior **Sheri Carter** send e-mails to their friends. E-mail is one of the friendliest and most romantic way to tell someone hello!

THINKING IT OVER- While in Mr. Minnick's wood technology class, freshmen **Tony Dixon** and **John Frazier** are putting their heads together to come up with a wood design for the experiment that they are going to do.



THE AVERAGE HANDY MEN- During automotive technology seniors **Jesse Maxfield** and **Adam Gramling** get their hands dirty while checking the underneath of this car.

START YOUR ENGINES- Seniors **David Cartwright**, **Adam Gramling**, and **Robert Baker** check the engine of this BMW while senior **Matt McClellan** watches their work.



WOOD CHUCK- Freshman **Adam Yeattes** practices safety by wearing his goggles while putting varnish on a bookshelf during Mr. Minnick's class.

MEASURING IT OUT- Sophomore **Derek Rose** is making his draft perfect before he turns it in to his drafting teacher Mr. John Melvin.



"This is the House that Jack Built"

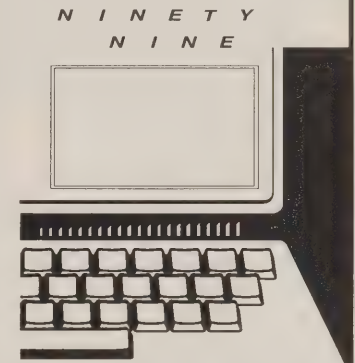
Technology classes teach students the basis for what is needed to pursue occupations in fields of interest. These technology classes include automotive technology, electricity, drafting, wood technology, and principles of technology. These classes have different levels of work, and the difficulty of the classes depend on the year or level of the class that is being taken. In automotive technology students learn anything from how to change a tire or oil, to how to work on parts that are broken. Other things students learn in technology classes are how to operate electrical systems, how to do pictorial and computerized meth-

ods of drafting, how to design and build wood products, and different software occupations. Technology classes are interesting, informative, and fun. They are different from the normal, everyday class and give students a hands on experience at real life situations.

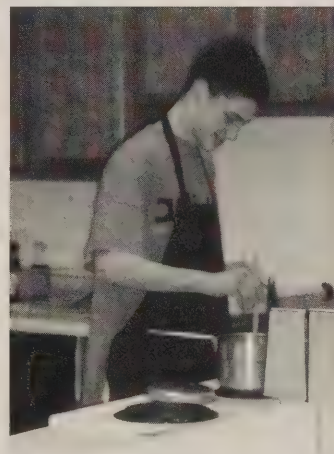
Culinary arts is a way to have a hands on learning experience. Culinary arts consists of home economics education and child care occupations. Students who take home economics prepare for career opportunities in the food preparation field. Students focus their studies on ensuring sanitation and safety standards; serving food; using kitchen equipment;

developing menus; preparing, processing, and producing foods; providing banquet and catering services; receiving and storing food supplies; performing cashier functions; and managing the food service operation. One special thing the home economics classes do over the course of the year is the International Baccalaureate Banquet in which the students are in charge of preparing, arranging, and serving the food. Culinary arts not only give a good basis for those who want to pursue fields in food preparation, but give students knowledge on how to do every day things in the household such as, how to cook dinner, care for children, or

how to wash clothes. Culinary arts is not only fun and knowledgeable, but a great addition to anyone's schedule.



THE CARPENTER- Wood technology is a great class to take to learn about cutting and carving wood and even learning more about the tools used to do these processes. Mr. Minnick shows freshman, John Frazier the way this tool is used.



SARAH LEE- With two parents working in an household and some households with a single parent, it is good for guys like sophomore Jarod Wilson to learn a few things required for maintaining a house.

BETTY CROCKER- While in health occupations, students learn a variety of techniques. Sophmores Josh Bryan and Jeremy Kennedy watch the clock while waiting for the finished product.

PICTURE PERFECT- One of the many great experiences that culinary arts helps with is the International Baccalaureate Banquet. Junior, Jason Valdez puts his skills to the test setting the places for the banquet.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL-

By using a mirror, junior **Javan Martin** gets an overall picture of his roller set. Students demonstrate expertise in fundamental knowledge of cosmetology.

MASTER AT WORK- Picking out curls, **Mrs. Phelps** demonstrates how to create a wet set. Students such as senior **Carrie McConnell** observe the instructor so that they can perform the same variations of hairstyles.

SCRUB-A-DUB-DUB- There are many times when students get their hair washed and trimmed by a cosmetology class. Students are allowed to get out of Study Hall and various classes to get their hair fixed by cosmetology students.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT- Experimenting on a mannequin, senior **Jennifer Mays** practices creating different hairstyles by using rollers. In the background, **Mrs. Phelps** observes the use of her skills.

CURLY Q- Using rollers, seniors **Mindy Campbell** and **Carrie McConnell** add curl to a customer's hair. Doing real life applications is a prerequisite to completing the skills necessary for the class.



THE CUTTING EDGE- Senior **Ryan Dunne** enjoys a break from schoolwork as he gets his hair cut. Having customers allows cosmetology students to get job experience.



Snip, Snip Here, Snip, Snip There And A Couple of Tra La La's!

That's How We Pass The Day Away...



WRAP IT UP- Doing a hair wrap, Sophomore **Rachel Fugate** waits patiently for the curl to set. Patience is a key element in dealing with customers and making sure the set is precise.



MY FAVORITE MANNEQUIN- Sophomore **Erica Sommerville** poses next to her practice mannequin. In the background, Sophomore **Deonna Fields** works on her curling set.



ANOTHER DAY IN PERMADISE- Sophomore **Natasha Hernandez** works on creating a perm. Perm setting is one of the biggest units in the cosmetology course.

All the girls were lining up waiting to become beautiful princesses. Cosmetology students were rushing to beautify them for the Spring Festival. By creating hairstyles and doing makeovers, there would be no trouble in seeing the stars shine (See **High Schools that Work** for pictures).

Cosmetology is one of the vocational classes offered that helps students prepare for possible careers. Activities taught by Mrs. Phelps include washing hair, giving haircuts, doing pin curls, finger waving, and rolling sets. Students apply these skills by practicing on mannequins and eventually they perform these skills on teachers, students, and daycare children.

There are various reasons why people take cosmetology. According to **Mrs. Phelps** "Beauty artistry is so much more than just fashion and taste; It's a lot of training." Senior **Mindy Campbell** also has thoughts on the idea: "Cosmetologists never quit, they just 'curl up and dye!'"

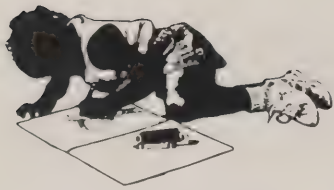


COMB OUT- Sophomore **Sara Whited** combs out her mannequin's hair which is the first step in preparing for a perm wrap. Cosmetology gives people the chance for glamour, excitement, and other untold rewards.

BUFF AND FLUFF- Putting the final touches on senior **Jamie Healy's** nails, senior **Nicole Burress** completes the manicure. This is one of the activities that cosmetology classes participate in besides cutting and styling hair.



A PARTING PREPARATION- Sophomore **Lindsey Christian** prepares her mannequin for a wet roller set. Students have a choice whether they prefer working with hair, skin, or nails.



WOULD YOU LIKE SOME-Joey Drozdowski offers some of his lunch that he did not want to the camera. Lunch is one of the many favorite times the day care kids have in class.

ALVIN, SIMON, THEODORE-The Chipmunks hosted the Trike-A-thon. Numerous children, varying in ages, rode their bicycles in front of Virginia High as students, faculty, and administration watched in awe.



MOMMY, LOOK AT ME!!-Joshua Sobczark tests out his driving skills during the Trike-A-thon. The Trike-A-thon helped raise money for the day care. The day care program is open to students and faculty.

IT'S SLEEPY TIME-Kamryn Blankenship is ready to "catch up on her Z's" with her little blanket by her side. Nap time is one time that the teachers and the children get a chance to get away from each other and relax!

THE CUTE LITTLE BABIES-The day care is all dressed up in their Halloween costumes and ready for V-T week at VHS. They are getting ready to go trick-or-treating around the school. The science wing, library, and guidance give candy to the day care babies.



DRIBBLE DRIBBLE DRIBBLE-Ashaad Clark takes time from playing with his building blocks to drool for the camera. The building blocks are one of the kids favorite toys to play with during free time.



Health Occupations courses prepare students for realistic goals

The Leg Bone's Connected to the Hip Bone....

Angleique Smith "HOSA has taught me skills to take care of patients."



Brandi Owens "In, HOSA, you get hands on experience in performing many tasks you would do in the medical fields."



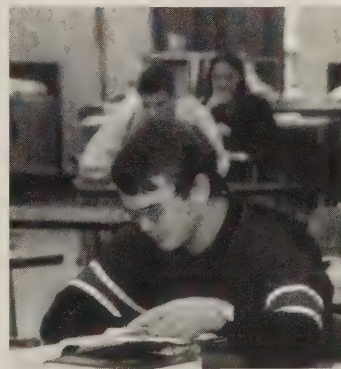
The Health Occupations Students of America is designed for students to enhance their understanding of health related industries and technologies. Students develop leadership skills and it improves their opportunity in future health careers. This course is structured for students interested in pursuing careers in the many health fields. Labs are performed to learn the basic hands-on skills needed for the future.

A new course introduced this year, and tied into the HOSA field, is Sports Medicine. Students are exposed to the injuries of athletes and are taught the basic athletic training procedures. In the facility of the training room, techniques of wrapping, usage of ultrasound, learning the proper way to fill an ice bag, and what temperature the whirlpool should be are only a few activities the students encounter throughout the year. Common taping procedures, such as arch and wrist taping, are graded on by the amount of wrinkles in the tape, alignment of the tape, and position of the tape. During the sport season, students are given a chance to observe and assist Athletic Trainer Randy Hodge on the sidelines and get a first hand look at what the real life injuries are really about.

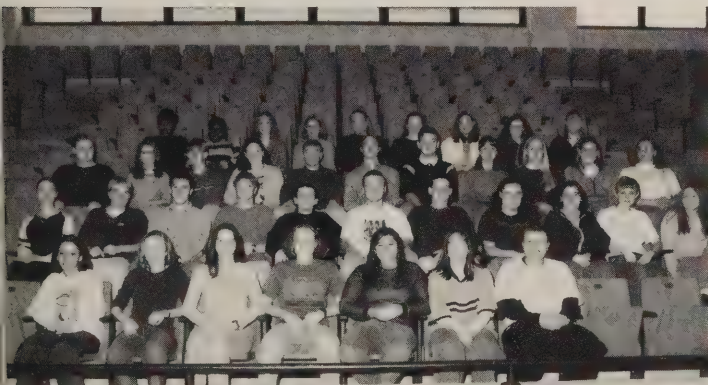
Hope Dennis



WRAP IT UP-Seniors **Sara Combaw, Kacy Wilson, Thomas Moore** and Junior **Micheal McInnis** practice wrapping each others feet for sports medicine. Student get graded on how well they perform certain tasks to each other.



HARD AT WORK-Senior **Jeb Rohr** is working hard in his Sports Medicine class. Many students take Health Occupations for future careers in the medical field. This has been a vast growing vocational class in the last five years.



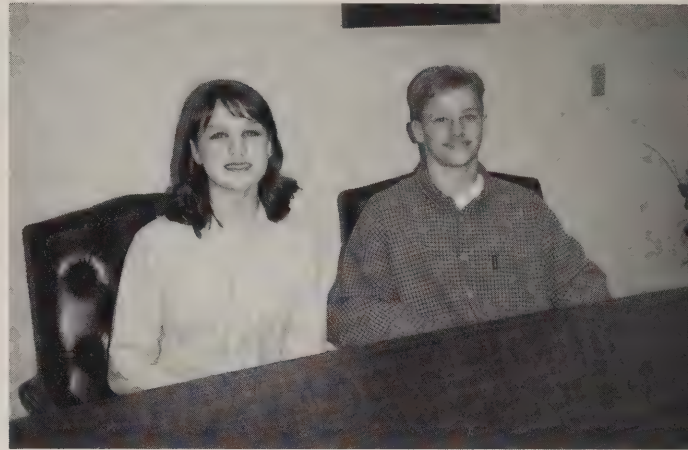
HOSA CLUB Members of the Health Occupations Students America pose for a photo during Club Day. This club performs various activities during the year such as the annual Blood Drive which helps to support local medical centers such as Wellmont.

HOSA/ DAY CARE

Expect the Best



Prepare to Be Impressed - During a HSTW conference Mrs. Linda Siegel listens attentively to suggestions for implementations by co-worker Ms. Linda McClanahan.



Partners in Crime - Juniors Holly Halstead and Justin Branson were selected to represent the students at the annual HSTW project.

The first of three parts of the expanding High Schools That Work/Tech Prep program at Virginia High School began with great enthusiasm in the fall of 1998. Almost 59 individuals representing business and industry, educational administration, teachers, students, and parents participated in an open forum dinner meeting. The round table looked at existing programs and future needs. As young people face the continuing need for growth in skills as they graduate and move into the work force, into further education, or into technical training, programs must become more applicable to the real world or work.

Two programs were established during the 1998-1999 school year. An engineering program developed and improved last spring, was put into place for the fall semester. This course is comprised of career guidance, chemistry, basic physics, applied math, vocational technology, computer science, and industry. These diverse areas allowed students access to varied approaches in the fields of engineering.

In the spring members of the Spring Festival worked collaboratively to produce the long-standing traditional pageant. The history department studied the background of the festival, the Computer sciences designed the programs, English classes prepared scripts and the Accounting Department tracked the finances. Local area business sponsors, Music, Culinary Arts, Business Drafting, Art Design, and other departments contributed.

Integrators or Instigators? - Mesmerized by the motivational speaker instructors, Richard Rollins and Linda McClanahan, attend yet another conference on the High Schools That Work Conference held in Cincinnati Ohio. From this conference Mr. Rollins developed a comprehensive integration project to be implemented around the annual Spring Festival.



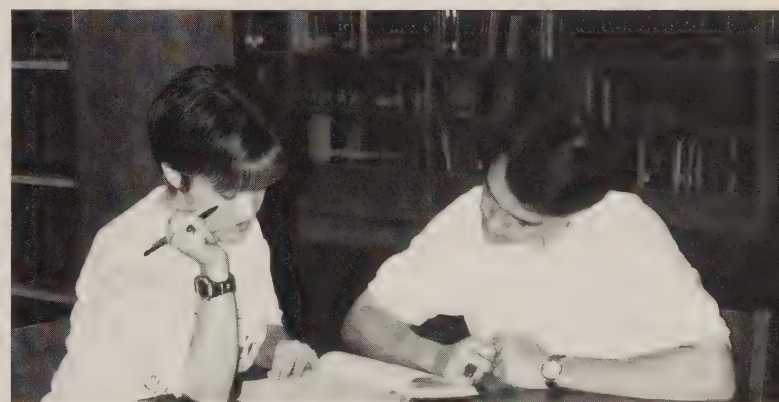


Research is the Key - Sophomore Joe Hill looks at past year's forensic event participants with sophomore Brian Hicks.

The Storytellers

The Virginia High School League's earliest events to focus on student achievement began with speaking contests. Today there are events such as extemporaneous speaking on foreign and domestic topics, original oratory and storytelling. Students interpret works in prose, poetry, serious drama, humorous drama and duo interpretation of literature. Spelling competition is conducted with forensics even though it is not an event.

* See PTA Awards for results



Can't Smile Without You - Humorous dramatic competition Kaleena Franks asks Jorda Pennington, junior competitor in original oratory for suggestions.



Two is Better Than One - Duo team sophomores Joe Hill and Brian Hicks look for pieces to use in duo-interpretation.

A Dramatic Moment - Seniors Shabazz Coleman and Rosa Kim are searching for the perfect monologue that will help them in the district forensic competition.

Problem Solving- Preparing a page for submission, Junior **Scott Leonard** is checking a spread for mistakes. Section editors check other people's spreads for mistakes and keep everyone informed on deadlines.

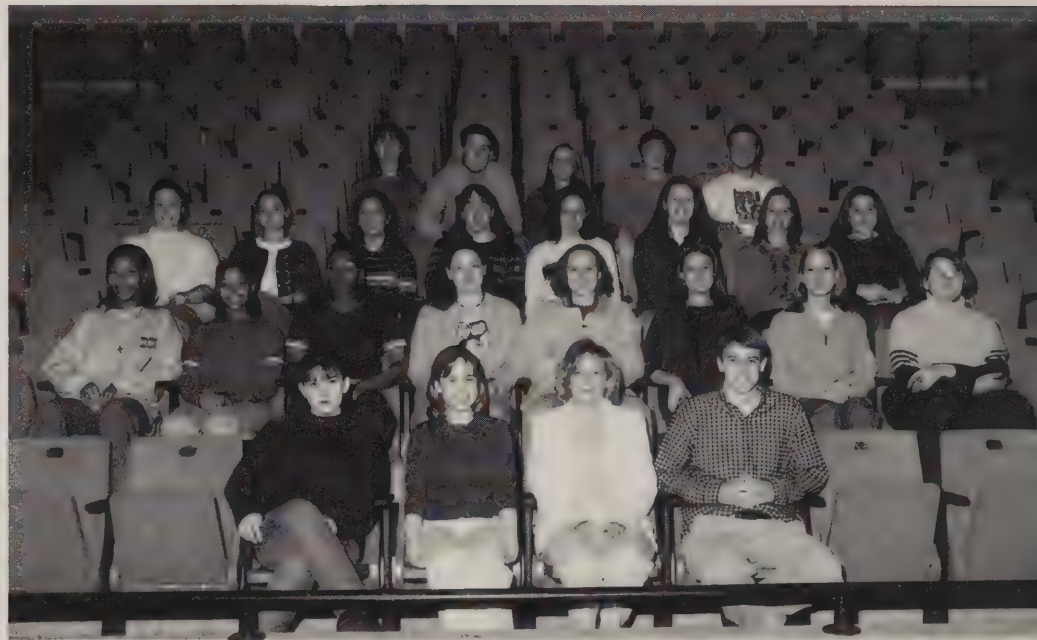
Brilliant Lead In- Journalism I, II, and III. First row- Jessica Grogan, Tracy Decker, sponsor Mrs. Kristin Palmer, and Justin Norton. Second Row- Deonna Fields, Hope Dennis, Yolanda Stuart, Amy Arnold, Brandi Owens, Sarah Tipton Pam Hagy, and Sandy Ross. Third Row- Brittany Triplett, Emily Smith, Jessica Puckett, Erin Lucas, Sarah Walls, Nikki Glover, Kari Kallanan, and Katie Shields. Fourth Row- Holly Halstead, Josh Braswell, Paige Smith, Scott Leonard, and Bryan Morrison. Not Pictured- Josie Russell and Allison Smith.



Cropping Queen- While attempting not to lose a finger, Junior **Paige Smith** is cropping a picture for her academic spread. Making the pictures the perfect size is a difficult job because once it is cut, one cannot put it back.

Watch the Birdie- **Jessica Puckett** is trying to get a shot just right with the yearbook department's camera. There is only one to go around, and often times there are several people who need the camera, so everyone knows not to waste film with bad pictures.

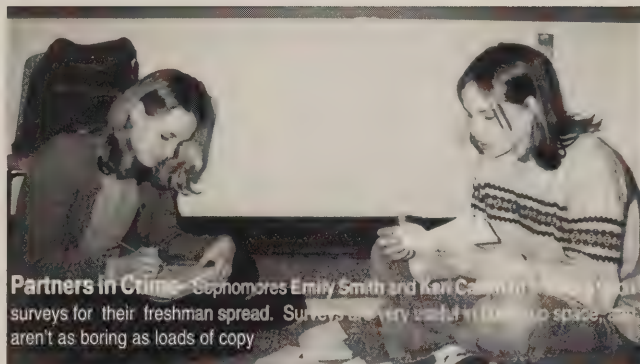
Starving Artist- "Art Director" Senior **Justin Norton** is working on a net for the volleyball spread (see it on pages 48-49). Justin's artistic talent will be missed after all the creative touches he adds to the publication.



Bargain Bonanza- Juniors **Pam Hagy** and **Holly Halstead** are pricing items for the fundraising yard sale. Yearbook members donated merchandise to be sold to raise money for a more expensive cover.



Bringing the Magic to Life

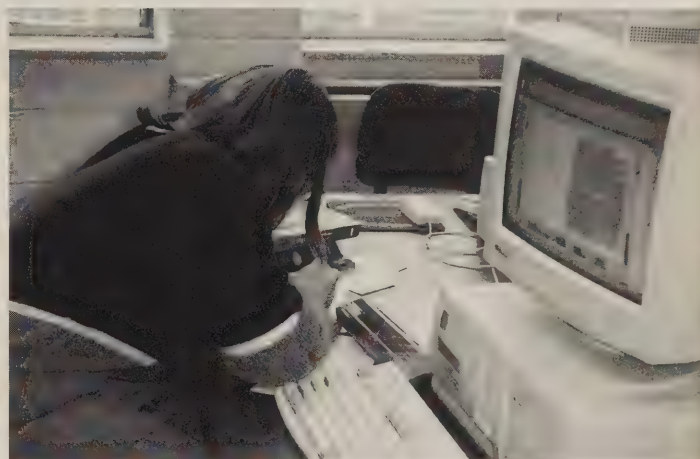


Partners in Crime - Sophomores Emily Smith and Ken Campbell look over surveys for their freshman spread. Surveys are very useful if there is no space and aren't as boring as loads of copy.

Yearbook members can spend up to three years taking pictures, raising money, drawing spreads, and writing copy. Thinking up captions and lead-ins is often the hardest part of the class. It takes responsibility, creativity, and teamwork to be successful. Time is spent on deadlines from the first day of school to even after the end of the school year--afternoons, evenings, weekends. This year journalism students muddled through a new computer program which allows us to draw spreads on computer. All the trial and error eventually paid off by saving lots of time (and erasers). Journalism is a self-funded organization and students have to come up with ways to make money for the costly publication. In spite of the stressful deadlines and limited equipment and resources, yearbook members spend time putting together something special.



On the Road Again - Journalism classes spent a great deal of time in the hallway going from the room to the computer lab. This year the yearbook staff worked largely through the computers, and an entire room in the vocational wing was devoted to the class for two periods.



Hard At Work-Spending hours hunched over spreads and/or the keyboard is not unusual for journalism students. Yearbook II member **Sandy Ross** is drawing a spread on the computer, which saves lots of time if there are no unexpected foul-ups. The yeartech system is new to Virginia High, so everyone is learning as they go.



Zooming In- Yearbook I student **Josh Braswell** is preparing to take a picture for an upcoming deadline. Staff members could often be found in the doorways of classrooms or going from room to room getting photos of classes at work.

Decisions, Decisions- Junior **Sarah Tipton** is leafing through piles of photos trying to pick just the right one. Sometimes there are just too many to choose from and other times we get desperate and have to use bad ones (that have the heads cut off--like this one!).

Mrs. Wanda Bays-

1973



Mrs. Wanda Bays-

1999



Question: How long have you been teaching?

Answer: 38 years.

Question: Have you always taught at VHS? If not, where else?

Answer: No. I have taught 6 years in Mason, Ohio, 4 years in Columbus Ohio, and came to VHS in 1971.

Question: What is your educational background (degree, college, etc.)?

Answer: I received a Bachelor's Degree in Math in Berea, KY and a Master's Degree in Education Concentration in Math from Eastern Kentucky University located in Richmond, KY.

Question: What are all the different classes that you teach?

Answer: Algebra II, Algebra I, and Integrated Algebra/Geometry.

Question: What is your favorite part of your job?

Answer: Working with the students.

Question: What will you miss most from teaching?

Answer: The students because you can be depressed and they give you a lift.

Question: Have you ever had any other professions?

Answer: No

Question: What was your most embarrassing moment in your teaching career?

Answer: At the end of a school day, a kid looked and said, "Mrs. Bays, you have on one black shoe and one blue shoe!"



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE-Mrs. Bays helps a student with her math homework as other students listen on. Mrs. Bays knows that math can be difficult for some but if they can believe in themselves they will make it through.



FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS-Mrs. Wanda Bays helps a student understand her assignment. Mrs. Bays has no problem helping her students learn the basics of math.

Mrs. Maxine Sams-

1974



Mrs. Maxine Sams-

1999



Question: How long have you been teaching?

Answer: 30 years

Question: Have you always taught at VHS? If not, where else?

Answer: No. I have also taught at DB in Kingsport. I have been here for 26 years.

Question: What is your educational background (degree, college, etc.)?

Answer: I received Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, Physics, and History from ETSU and a Master's Education in Education from Union College in Kentucky.

Question: What are all the different classes that you teach?

Answer: At DB I taught General Science and Chemistry. Here I teach Chemistry I and II and Physics.

Question: What is your favorite part of your job?

Answer: Students majoring in the science field.

Question: What will you miss most from teaching?

Answer: Friends and students' smiles.

Question: Have you ever had any other professions?

Answer: No.

Question: What was the most memorable event that happened while you were teaching?

Answer: A former student called from Georgia Tech and asked for help with the homework. This same student sends Christmas, Mother's Day, and Birthday cards every year.

Question: What was your most embarrassing moment in your teaching career?

Answer: I was in a interview with one of my supervisors and we began to discuss Hampton. He was talking about Hampton, VA and I was thinking about Hampton, TN.

TRIAL AND ERROR-Mrs. Sams helps a student light his burner in Chemistry I. She served as the chairman of the science department for many years.



WHAT DO I DO NOW?-A student and Mrs. Maxine Sams check the pH level of a solution with the pH meter. This is only one of the many experiments found in Chemistry.

Senior Directory

Adams, Jimmy - J.V. Football 1; Varsity Football 1, 3; Wrestling 1,2; Art Club 3

Alley, Kristen - J.V. Girls' Basketball 1,2; Varsity Girls' Basketball 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; SADD Club 4, Vice President 4; Choir 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4; Beta Club 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,4; Class Secretary 1; Class Reporter 2; FCA 1

Almany, John - Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 3; Baseball 2

Arnold, Amber - Concert Choir 1,2,3,4; Library Club 2,3; Spring Festival 3; Spanish Club 3; Homecoming 4

Ashley, Leann - French Club 1,2; DECA 3,4; FBLA 2,4; Library Aide 3

Boord, Heather - DECA 2,3,4; FBLA 2; VICA 4; Softball 3

Bowman, Alsyon - J.V. Girls' Basketball 1; Varsity Girls' Basketball 2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; J.V. Volleyball 1; Varsity Volleyball 2,3,4; Concert Choir 1,3,4; SADD Club 3,4; PEP Club 1,4, Treasurer 4; Office Aide 2; Spring Festival 3,4; History Club 1

Brooks, Michael - DECA 3,4; Swimming 2

Burnette, Kim - FBLA 2; HOSA 2,3,4; DECA 3

Campbell, Nikki - Softball 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3; DECA 4; Beta Club 3,4

Campbell, Mindy - Cosmetology 2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; DECA 3,4; VICA 2,3,4; Spring Festival 3

Canter, Joey - J.V. Basketball 1; Choir 1,2,3

Chapman, David - Swimming 1; DECA 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; One-Act Play 2,3

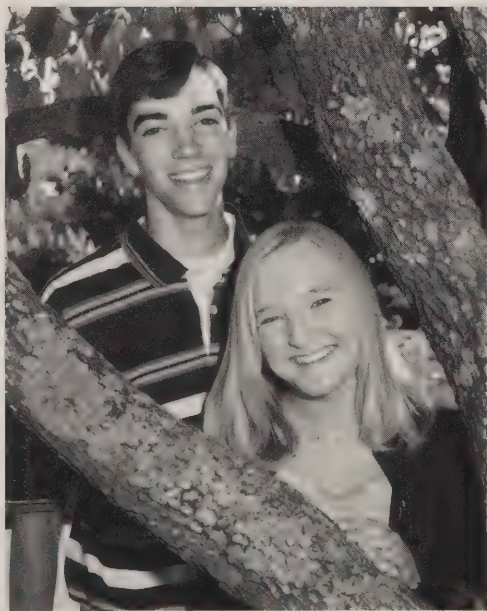
Cody, Danielle - DECA 3,4; VICA 2

Coleman, Shabazz - Band 1,2; French Club 1,2; VICA 2

Corum, Leslie - Choir 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 4; DECA 4; Spring Festival 2



Best Looking
Ashley Moss
Stevan Rainero



Friendlist
Leslie Corum
Adam Armstrong

Cumbow, Sarah - Swimming 1,2,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4; SADD 3,4; Interact Club 2; FBLA 4, Historian 4; SCA 3,4; Spring Festival 2; Choir 1,2; Football Trainer 2

Davidson, Toni - HOSA 3, Vice President 3

Decker, Tracy - J.V. Cheerleading 1,2, Captain 2; SADD 2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,4; Beta Club 4; Yearbook 2,3,4, Editor 4; Newspaper 3,4; Softball 1

Dellinger, Brian - Baseball 1,2; Golf 1,2; DECA 3,4; Basketball 1,2

Dunn, Ryan - Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 3; Spring Festival 1,2; Golf 1

Dutton, Noah - Cross Country 1,2; Track 3; Spring Festival 1,3; Choir 1,2,3,4

Flannagan, Kevin - Mixed Chorus 1; Chorale 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Library Aide 3,4; Spring Festival 1,2,3,4

Fleenor, Blake - DECA 4, VICA 3,4

Ford, Laura - Softball 1,2,3; J.V. Basketball 1,2; Latin Club 1,2; Spanish Club 3,4, Secretary 4; SADD 3; FBLA 3; Art Club 4

Goins, Marcus - VICA 2,3; Football 2

Goodson, Jack - Basketball 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; VICA 2,3,4; FCA 3,4; SADD 3

Gramling, Adam - Baseball 1

Senior Directory



Most Talented

Amy Tolley
Justin Norton

Hagy, Brent - Tennis 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3; Beta Club 3,4; Latin Club 2,3, President 3

Hicks, Heather - NHS 3,4, Secretary 4; SCA Steering Committee 4; Class Secretary 3; BETA Club 3,4, Vice President 4; Math SWAC 3,4; SADD Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2,3,4, Reporter 3, Vice President 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; J.V. Volleyball 1,2

Jones, Carmen - Girls' Basketball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1,2,3; SADD 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; BETA Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2

Jones, Dale - Football 3; DECA 3,4

Kidd, Troy - Football 1,2,3,4, Captain 4; Basketball 1,2,4; BETA Club 3,4; FBLA 3,4; DECA 4; Track 3

Kim, Rosa - Marching and Concert Band 1,2,3,4, Captain and Drum Major 4; SCA Treasurer 3; Class Treasurer 4; Forensics 3,4; SWAC 2,3,4; NHS 3,4, President 4; BETA Club 3,4, Secretary 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Jazz Ensemble 3,4; Chorale 3,4; Prom Committee 3; SCA Steering Committee; Track 1

King, Sarah - Volleyball 1,2,3,4; SADD Club 1,2,3,4; BETA Club 4; NHS 4, FBLA 4, Treasurer 4

Kistner, Josh - DECA 4

Landrum, Angie - SADD 1,2; DECA 3, Vice President 3; History Club 1,2; Pep Clup 1,2; Spanish Club 1,2; Art Club 3; J.V. Cheerleader 2

Lawson, Christy - Band 1,2,3,4; HOSA 2,3, Historian 2, Chaplain 3; Junior Classical League 2; Latin Club 2,3,4; DECA 4; FBLA 4

Lee, Jessica - SCA Steering Committee 3; Class Reporter 3; NHS 3,4; BETA Club 3,4, Sgt. at Arms 4; French Club 1,2; SADD 2,3; Prom Committee 3; Choir 1; Office Aide 2; Library Aide 3; FBLA 3

Mays, Jennifer - Tennis 1,3,4; VICA 2,3,4; HOSA 3; Choir 1,4

McClellan, Matt - DECA 2,3,4; VICA 2,3,4

Moore, Thomas - Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; DECA 3

Moss, Ashley - Cheerleading 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 1, Captain 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 3, President 4; BETA Club 3,4; NHS 3,4; Class Vice President 1,3,4; Class Secretary 2; SCA Steering Committee 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1; Concert Choir 2

Mullins, Dustin - J.V. Football 1; Varsity Football 2,3,4, Captain 4; Wrestling 2,3,4; SADD 3

Mulumba, Jean - Basketball 1,2,3,4; DECA 2,3,4; Spring Festival 2,3,4; Choir 2; Track 1,3; Spanish Club 3; VICA 2

Mumpower, Michael - DECA, VICA

Neese, Larry - Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 3; Cross Country 3

Newton, Kanika - HOSA 3; DECA 1

Norton, Josh - Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Art Club 3; Spanish Club 3,4; BETA Club 4

Norton, Justin - Football 1,2,3,4, Captain 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Interact Club 2,3; Art Club 3,4, President 3,4; Newspaper 2,3,4, Editor 3,4; Yearbook 3,4, Editor 4; DECA 4, Vice President 4; Spring Festival 2; FCA 1

Pauley, Forrest - Football 1,2,3,4, Captain 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 3; Interact Club 2,3; DECA 4



Best All-Around

Melanie Young
Dustin Mullins

Senior Directory

Payne, Travis - Basketball 2,3; DECA 2,3,4; VICA 1,2 - 26, 57, 136, 163, 178

Peck, Jeff - 34, 136, 137, 178

Peters, Justin - Soccer 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2,3,4, Treasurer 4; DECA 4 - 61, 86, 87, 94, 136, 173, 178

Philbrick, Clint - FCA 1,2,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorale 3,4; BETA Club 4; Brass Captain 4; Band Manager 4 - 20, 21, 84, 85, 136, 137, 172, 173, 174

Pippin, Amanda - Class Secretary 4; Fbla 3,4 Parliamentarian 3; President 4; NHS 3,4; BETA Club 3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Chorale 3,4; SCA Steering Committee 4; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2 - 17, 20, 21, 27, 136, 137, 139, 164, 165, 172, 173, 175, 177

Poole, Martha - DECA 1; HOSA 2; FHA 1 - 136, 137

Rainero, Stevan - Soccer 1,2,3,4, Captain 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2, Treasurer 1; French Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 2,3,4, Vice President 4; SCA Steering Committee 2,3,4, President 4; NHS 4, Treasurer 4; BETA Club 4 - 10, 14, 18, 24, 32, 60, 61, 136, 137, 161, 163, 164, 172, 173, 174, 175, 178, 183

Rainero, Mitch - 31, 44, 45, 136, 172, 177, 178

Reed, April - Class President 4; DECA 3,4, Promotions Officer 4; Cheerleading 1,2,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Art Club 2; SADD Club 1 - 15, 136, 137, 139, 160, 175, 178

Robinson, Scott - Wrestling 1,2 - 136

Rohr, Jeb - Boy's Basketball Trainer 2,3,4; French Club 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4 - 45, 136, 174, 177, 179

Roig, Crystal - 136

Rouse, Angela - HOSA 2, DECA 3,4 - 137, 138, 178

Sanders, Karen - 137

Schiano, Elena - 137, 178, 182

Sensky, Morgan - 137, 178

Senter, Suzanne - Girl's Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Concert Choir 2; Chorale 3,4; SADD 4 - 17, 23, 25, 46, 47, 49, 70, 137

Shaffer, Michael - 137

Sherwood, Beth - 138

Sims, Lea - SADD 1,3,4; PEP Club 1; Spanish Club 1; FBLA 3,4; DECA 4 - 15, 17, 24, 138, 139, 183

Smith, Brook - FHA 1,2,3,4; GRADS 2,3,4; Choir 1 - 138, 139

Smith, Elizabeth - DECA 4, President 4; Track 2,3,4; Swimming 2,3; Cheerleading 1,2,4; PEP Club 1; SADD 1 - 10, 14, 16, 18, 24, 30, 75, 123, 138, 139

Smith, John David - 26, 138

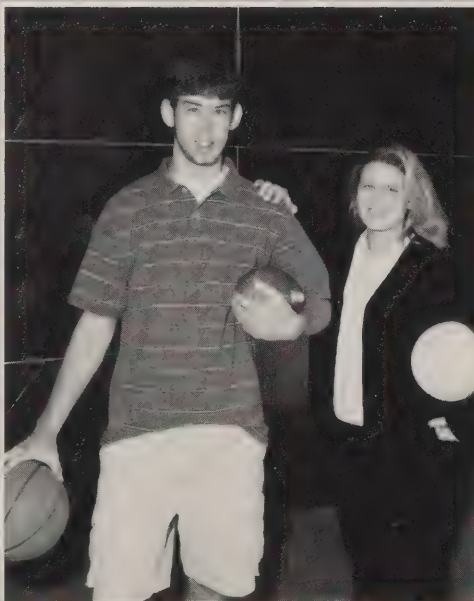
Stanley, Christy - Band 1,2,3,4; French Club 2,3,4; DECA 3; FBLA 3 - 84, 85, 89, 138, 139



Most School Spirited

Elizabeth Smith

Marcus Goins



Most Athletic

Suzanne Senter

Forrest Pauley

Staton, Travis - SCA Steering Committee 2,3, Reporter 2; Class Reporter 1; Class Vice-President 2; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1; Swimming 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1; Concert Choir 2; PEP Club 1,2,3,4; DECA 4; Prom Committee 3; Spanish Club 2,3; SADD 3 - 24, 61, 102, 138, 139, 178

Stinnett, Carmen - 138, 139

Stophel, Brad - Tennis 1; Golf 2; Baseball 2; Wrestling 2,3,4; Football 3; Spanish Club; DECA 4 - 14, 17, 31, 35, 54, 55, 81, 138, 139, 177, 178, 182

Surber, Jennifer - 92, 138

Tauscher, Jonathan - 138, 161, 164, 165, 172, 177

Taylor, Cassandra - FBLA 3; DECA 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4 - 138, 139, 178

Testerman, Philip - Soccer 3,4; Spanish Club 4, Treasurer 4; DECA 3 - 24, 91, 105, 138, 139, 174, 183

Thurston, Courtney - 138, 139, 178

Tobey, Aaron - Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4 - 57, 72, 73, 91, 138, 139, 174, 175, 179

Tolley, Amy - Diving 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; BETA Club 4, President 4; NHS 4, Vice-President 4; SADD Club 2,4, Secretary 4; SCA Steering Committee 1,2,3,4; Spring Festival 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Cross Country 1,2; Chorus 2; Chorale 3; PEP Club 1,2,3 - 10, 14, 17, 31, 75, 138, 139, 163, 164, 165, 172, 174, 175

Turner, Sherika - 138, 179

Turner, Tracy - 138, 179

Wheeler, Matt - DECA 3,4; VICA 3; Art Club 1,2; Baseball 1 - 24, 26, 138

Whicker, Brandy - Yearbook 2,3; PEP Club 2; Art Club 2,4; SADD 3; DECA 4; Spanish Club 2 - 138, 139, 178

Whicker, Candy - Yearbook 2,3; Newspaper 3; PEP Club 2; Spanish Club 2; FBLA 2; Art Club 4; DECA 4 - 17, 24, 81, 138, 139, 178

Whiteaker, Chris - 33, 72, 73, 138, 175, 178

Wilson, Kacey - J.V. Cheerleader 1, Captain 1; Varsity Cheerleader 1,2,3,4, Captain 4; Chorus 1,2; SADD 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 1; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; PEP Club 1,2,3,4; SCA Steering Committee 1,2,3,4; Vice President 3, Secretary 4; President of Class 1,2,3 - 10, 14, 17, 18, 19, 22, 74, 75, 138, 139, 173, 175

Yavny, Luda - 103

Young, Melanie - Volleyball 1,2,3,4, Captain 3,4; Trac 1,2,3,4; BETA Club 4, Treasurer 4; NHS 4; SADD 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Class Treasurer 3; FBLA 4, Corresponding Secretary 4 - 48, 49, 138, 139, 160, 163, 172, 175, 177, 183

Zvara, Melissa - 138, 196

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Most Intellectual

Rosa Kim
Jonathan Tauscher



Cutest Smile

Tracy Decker
Travis Staton



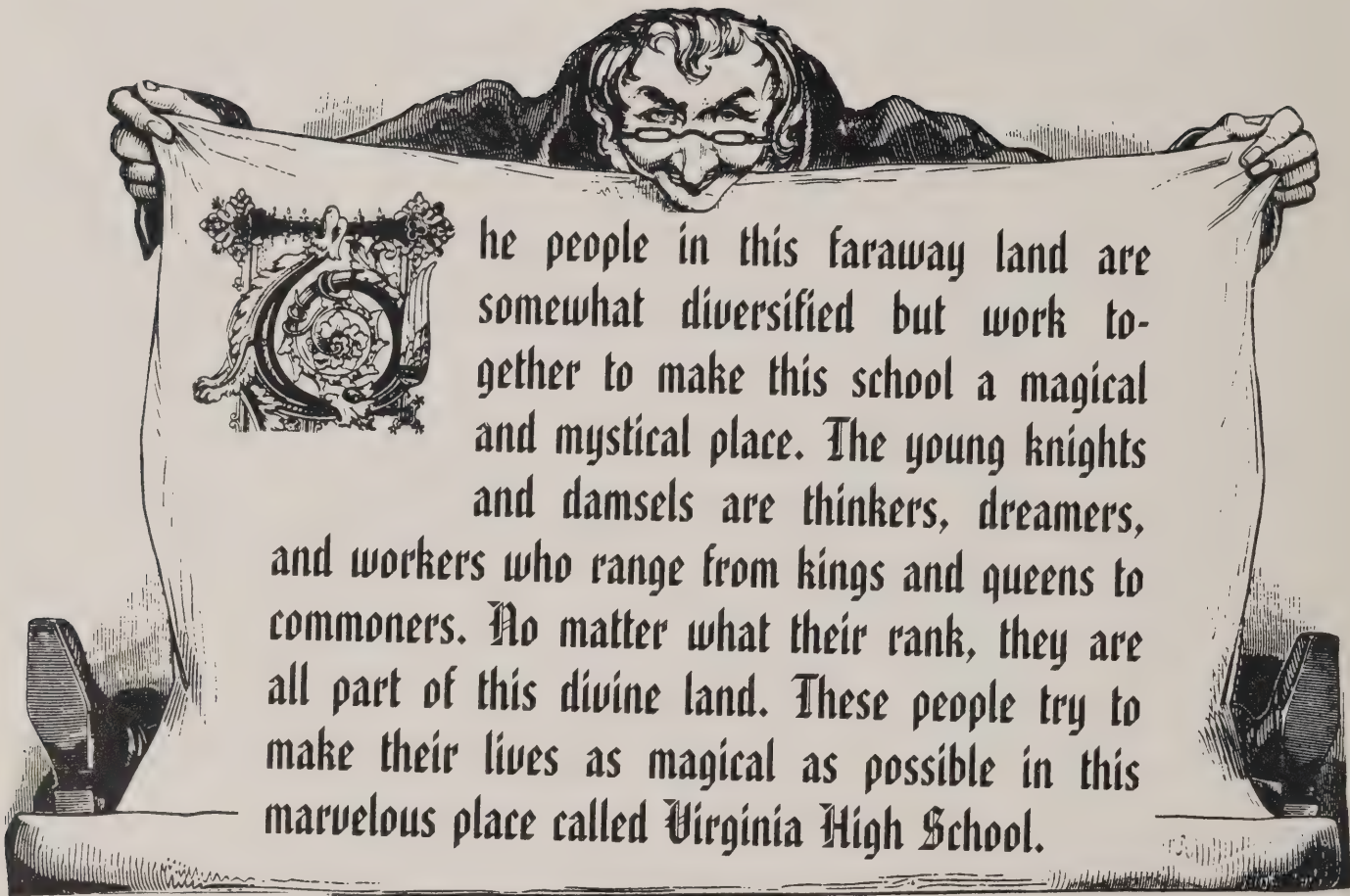
Wittiest

Kim Burnette
Josh Kistner



Most Original

April Reed
Jeff Peck



The people in this faraway land are somewhat diversified but work together to make this school a magical and mystical place. The young knights and damsels are thinkers, dreamers, and workers who range from kings and queens to commoners. No matter what their rank, they are all part of this divine land. These people try to make their lives as magical as possible in this marvelous place called Virginia High School.





Gathering at Gattiland - Bearcat fans gathered at Gattiland to socialize and play games after eating pizza. Air hockey tournaments are always a favorite of the crowd after a draining day at school.

Let's Cuddle - Nestled under a Bearcat afghan, Sophomore **Emily Mays** and Junior **Lindsay Foster**, huddle together at a football game to keep warm.



Let's Go Cats!! - Senior **Troy Kidd** gives a speech at a pep rally to get everyone psyched for the game. Troy played a major part in the points received that night against Tennessee High.

Where's your Bearcat pride? - Bearcat Sophomores **Sharon Blair**, **Karen Blair**, and **Casey Lester** cheer for the football team at one of the games. The girls painted their faces and made shirts for as extra support.



Mrs. Bowman



High School Attended- Virginia High
School Activity- Choral



Mrs. Carroll



High School Attended- Sumter High
School Activity- FBIA, Art
College- ETSU
Degree- Bachelors degree in Business and Applied Technology and Masters degree in Educational Leadership



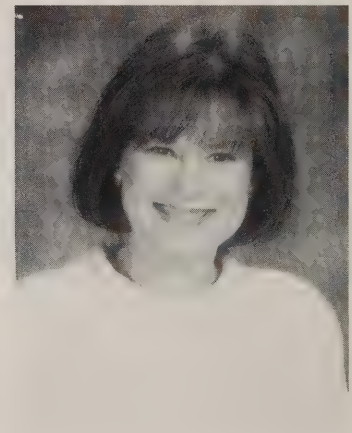
Mrs. Hale



High School Attended- Gate City High
School Activity- Cheerleading, Band
College- Radford University and University of VA.
Degree- Bachelors degree and Masters degree in Counseling and Administration



Mrs. Halstead



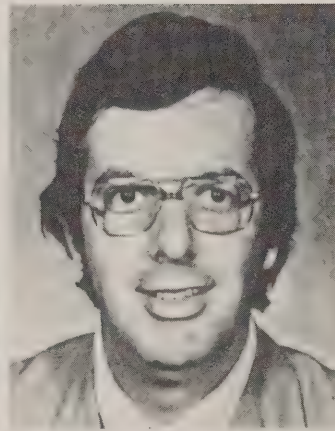
High School Attended- John S. Battle
School Activity- Cheerleading, FHA
College- Ferrum and ETSU
Degree- Associate degree in Fine Arts



Mrs. Huff



High School Attended- Marion Sr. High
School Activity- Clubs
College- Emory and Henry University and Radford University
Degree- Bachelors Degree in English and Latin, Masters degree in Guidance Counseling and Psychology.



Mr. Hurley

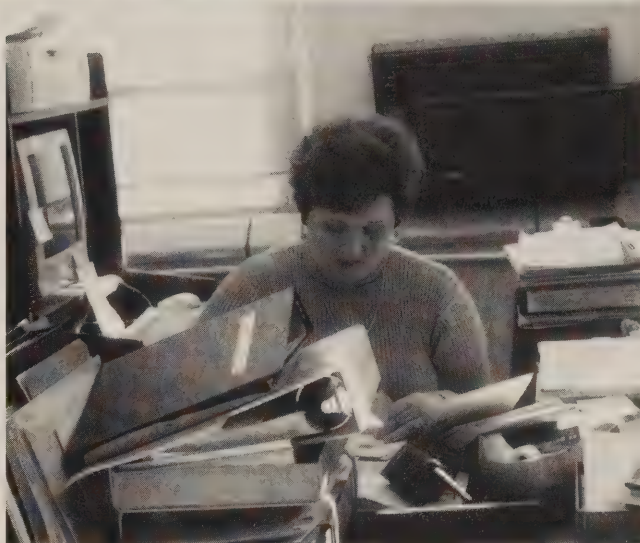


High School Attended- Virginia High
School Activity- Student government, athletics, and club activities
College- ETSU
Degree- Bachelors degree in Political Science, Social Studies, and Master degree in Superious Administration.

Administration



Just A Little Smile- The cafeteria staff takes some time out from cooking to take a quick picture. They all help during the week to prepare two meals a day.



Buried Alive- Mrs. Carroll is at her desk where she is buried with books for her daily job. Mrs. Carroll is part of the administration and takes pride in her work.



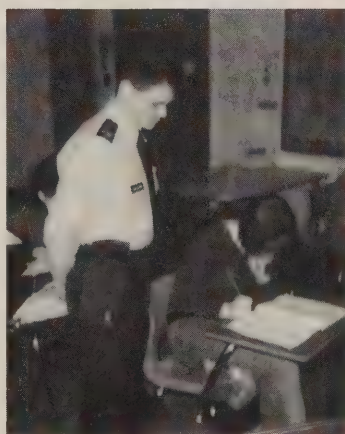
Jailhouse Rock- Mrs. Jones also known as the "Cage Lady" talks on the phone to a customer. Mrs. Jones is the person responsible for all of the money credits for the school.



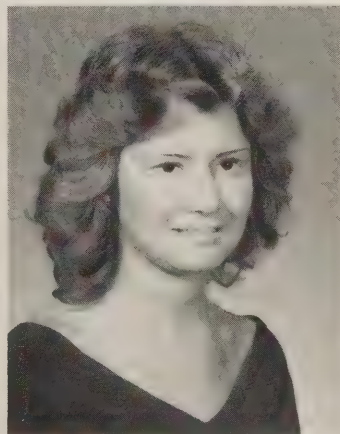
Congratulations Guidance Counselor Patsy Huff congratulates senior Jimmy Adams as he receives his long awaited diploma from Virginia High School.



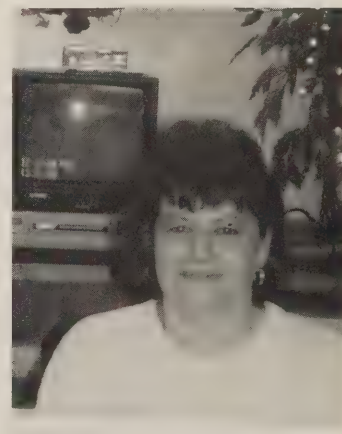
Mr. Lusk



High School Attended- Graham High
School Activity- Student government and athletics
College- Bluefield State College and Union College
Degree- Masters degree in English and Physical Education



Mrs. Morris



High School Attended- Virginia High
School Activity- FBPA



Acuff, Sharon

Subjects Taught: Marketing, Fashion, Advanced Fashion

Hobbies: Golf, crafts, gardening, reading

College Attended: University of Tennessee and ETSU

Bays, Wanda

Subjects Taught: Algebra I & II, Integrated Algebra/Geometry

Hobbies: Collect music boxes

College Attended: Berea College & Eastern Kentucky University



Blankenship, Roya

Subjects Taught: Latin and English 9

Hobbies: Reading and family activities

College Attended: King College and Virginia Tech

Bostic, Jennifer

Subjects Taught: Accounting, Word Processing, CIS

Hobbies: Waterskiing, singing, spending time with my daughter

College Attended: Clinch Valley College



Cochran, Annette

Subjects Taught: AP Calculus, Advanced Algebra II, & Geometry

Hobbies: Attending Basketball & Volleyball games & reading

College Attended: Sullins, Vanderbilt, ETSU

Combs, Anna

Subjects Taught: T.M.D. Instructional Aide

Hobbies: Cooking & crafts

College Attended: Virginia Highlands



Cowell, Bronwyn

Subjects Taught: Government, U.S. History, World History, Resource

Hobbies: Reading, collecting angels and rabbits

College Attended: James Madison University

Daniels, Mark

Subjects Taught: TMH Program

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing

College Attended: Lincoln Memorial University





Dean, Lisa

Subjects Taught: Marketing, Advanced Marketing, and Sports Marketing

Hobbies: Crafts and walking

College Attended: Mary Washington College



Garner, Eileen

Subjects Taught: French I-V

Hobbies: Reading, traveling, aerobics, racketball

College Attended: Old Dominion University



Holcomb, Sonja

Subjects Taught: English 9&10 and SAT Review

Hobbies: Reading, jogging, and gardening

College Attended: Virginia Tech and University of Virginia



Jones, Nan

Subjects Taught: Business & Marketing

Hobbies: Snowskiing & reading

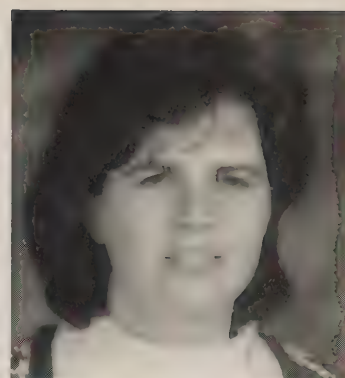
College Attended: Milligan College & Virginia Tech

Drozdzowski, Cindi

Subjects Taught: Integrated Algebra, Intergrated Algebra/Geometry, Algebra II

Hobbies: Kids and reading

College Attended: King College



Graham, Tammy

Subjects Taught: Spanish

Hobbies: Watching movies

College Attended: Clinch Valley College

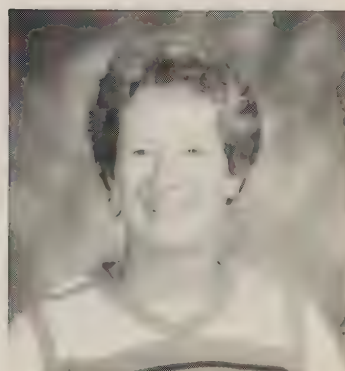


Johnson, Sherry

Subjects Taughts: Spanish & French

Hobbies: Sports & reading

College Attended: Lake Forest College & Washington University



Kristofek, Linda

Subjects: Biology II and Advanced Biology

Hobbies: Running, traveling, reading, cooking

College Attended: King College, Roanoke College, and Virginia Tech





Melkowski, Sue

Subjects Taught: Integrated Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Geometry

Hobbies: Sewing, reading, boating

College Attended: Concord College and Virginia Tech



Minnick, Joan

Subjects Taught: Earth Science

Hobbies: Sewing, needlework, cooking, reading, studying and enjoying the Earth-astronomy, fossil & rock collecting, and animals-giraffes

College Attended: Virginia Tech-GO HOKIES!! and Radford University



Morrell, Dale

Subjects Taught: English and Reading

Hobbies: Fishing, riflery, skeet shooting

College Attended: East Tennessee State University, Appalachian State University, and University of Virginia



Osborne, Ray

Subjects Taught: Algebra Connections, Integrated Algebra, & Psychology

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, skiing, & running

College Attended: Liberty University, ETSU

Melvin, John

Subjects Taught: Drafting

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, residential design

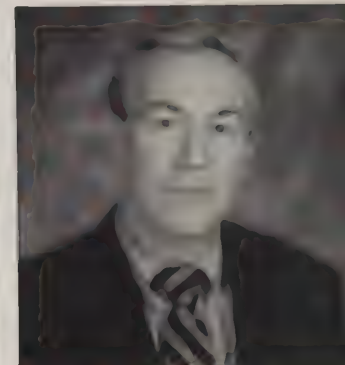


Mitchell, Frank

Subjects Taught: AP U.S. History and World History

Hobbies: Collect autographs and comic books

College Attended: ETSU



Nunley, Janet

Hobbies: Reading, playing bridge

College Attended: University of Akron



Phelps, Toni

Subjects Taught: Cosmetology

Hobbies: Reading and needlework

College Attended: Barton's College of Cosmetology and Mississippi State





Propst, Carol

Subjects Taught: Advanced Placement English 12 and Advanced English 12

Hobbies: Collecting lighthouse materials, traveling, and reading

College Attended: King College and ETSU

Ratliff, Patsy

Subjects Taught: English 9-12

Hobbies: Reading and children

College Attended: Virginia Commonwealth University and ETSU



Sams, Maxine

Subjects Taught: Chemistry I & II

Hobbies: Quilting, sewing for my granddaughter, flowers, crafts, & travel

College Attended: ETSU, UT, UVA, Union College

Schlatter, Rose

Subjects Taught: English

Hobbies: Quilting, reading, traveling

College Attended: Westminster College and Jacksonville State University



Simmons, Nancy

Subjects Taught: Art I-IV

Hobbies: Barbershop Harmony, reading, cooking, piano, travel, and shopping

College Attended: Radford University, King College, Austin Peay University, and ETSU

Thomas, Diane

Subjects Taught: Choral Music

Hobbies: Yardwork in the summer

College Attended: University of Dubuque



Williams, Pat

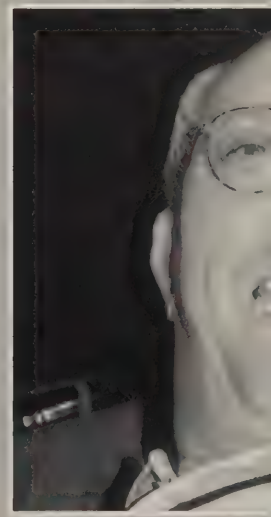
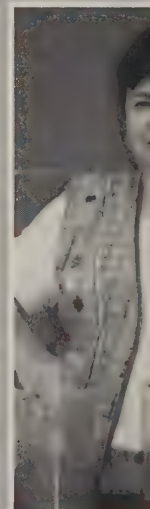
Subjects Taught: Special Services, Hearing Impaired

Hobbies: Theater, travel, & storytelling

College Attended: George Babody Teacher's College and Smith College

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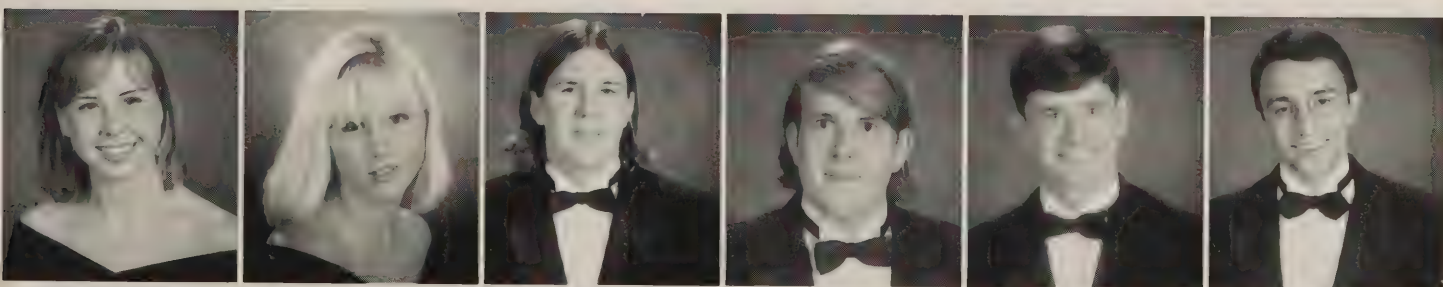
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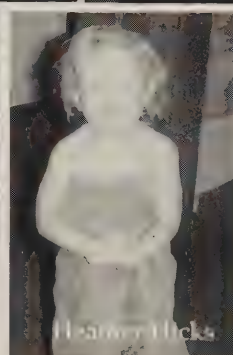
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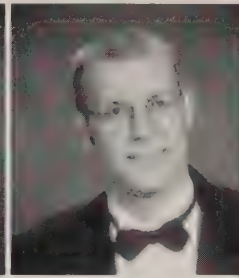
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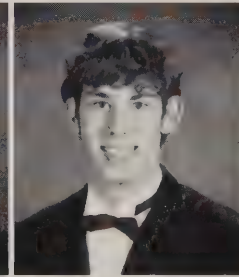
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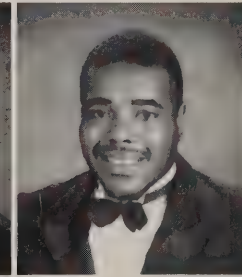
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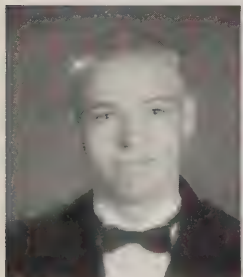
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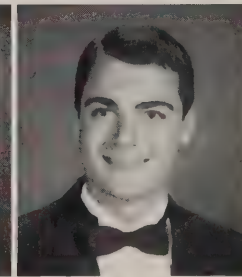
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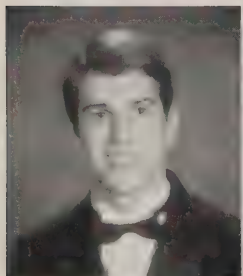
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Beth Sherwood



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We're Number One!!!
Virginia High seniors and
juniors tell the world that
we're the best!!!





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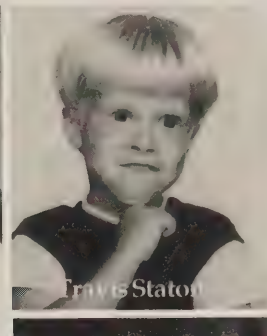
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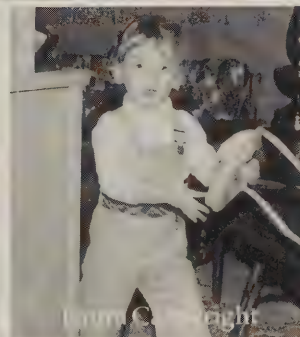
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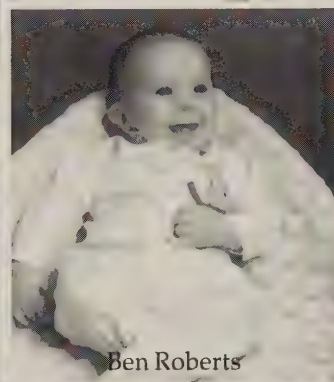
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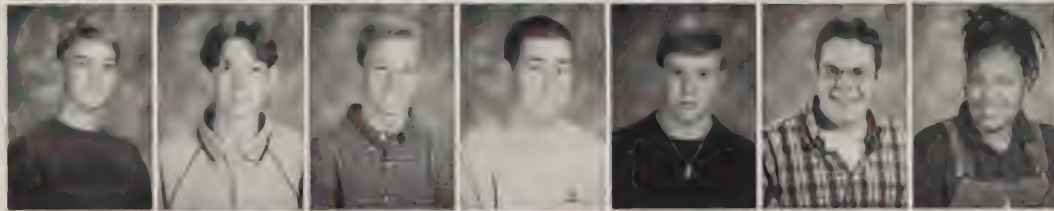
(From left to right), Reporter - Travis Staton, Vice President - Ashley Moss, President - April Reed, Secretary - Amanda Pippin, and Treasurer - Rosa Kim.

Alva-O'Donnell

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Barnett, Reid
Blackley, Sarah
Bledsoe, William



Boone, Matthew
Boyd, Seth
Branson, Justin
Braswell, Joshua
Brewer, Michael
Brown, Carl
Bunche, Moneka



Byington, Keegan
Canter, Adam
Carden, Cassie
Chapman, Lisa
Clark, Khadija
Crusenberry, Justin
Cunningham, Shawn



Dean, Candice
Ellis, Mark
Evans, Leigh
Falante, Jacqueleen
Fletcher, Shawn
Foster, Lindsey
Frank, Dean



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Freeman, Justin
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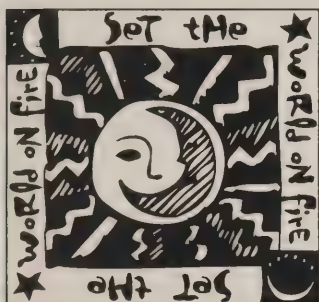
Juniors

In past years, juniors have had the privilege of taking a day off from school to visit a college of their choice. However, recently this privilege was taken away. When asked their opinion, juniors and faculty responded with the following:

Do you believe that juniors should be able to take a day off from school to visit the college of their choice?

Students
Yes 93%
No 7%

Faculty
Yes 47%
No 53%



LOOK AT HIM DRAW! As he sits hard at work, Junior **Justin Branson** puts the finishing touches on a technical drawing. In drafting, the students learn to draw different things such as buildings, tables, and machine parts.

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE - Spanish students participate in many different activities during the year, including making God's Eyes. Junior **Robbie Raettig** chooses to use red, white, and blue as the colors for his.



Leonard, Scott
Lester, Casey
Littleton, Josh
Lockett, Terrell
Love, Wesley
Lucas, Erin
Marrone, April

Martin, Eran
Martin, Javan
Matney, Shannon
McCloud, Brent
McCready, Amber
McInnis, Michael
Meade, David

Meade, Natalie
Merritt, Jessica
Millard, Kevin
Morrell, Tiffany
Morrison, Bryan
Nutter, Derek
O'Donnell, Tad

Oaks - Young

Oaks, Nathan
Oliver, Christopher
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Owens, Brandi
Parks, Micah
Pennington, Jordan
Peters, Jared



Phillippi, Brent
Pierce, Steven
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Renfro, Susan
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Rhymer, Charles



Robinette, David
Ross, Sandy
Rowe, Jessica
Schneider, Daniel
Scott, Vincent
Simmons, Milleda
Simmons, Mitchell



Slagle, Courtney
Smiley, Chris
Smith, Angelique
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Sowho, Sherell
Teaster, Tracy
Thomas, Alana



Tipton, Sarah
Valdez, Jason
Vaughn, Adam
Walden, Rachel
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Waller, Kelly
White, Adie



White, Heather
Whitner, Allen
Whorton, Jimmy
Williams, Keith
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Winnie, Drew
Wisdom, Larry



Woltz, Joey
Woody, Sarah
Wright, Sommer
Wright, Tiffany
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Yavny, Sveta
Young, Josh



CLASS OF 2000

Leaders of the Junior Class



"The junior class, being the best class in school history, is headed by top-of-the line leadership." - Jordan Pennington



"The Junior class consists of a highly diversified group of students who represent many of the talents and personalities of VHS." - Shelley Harper



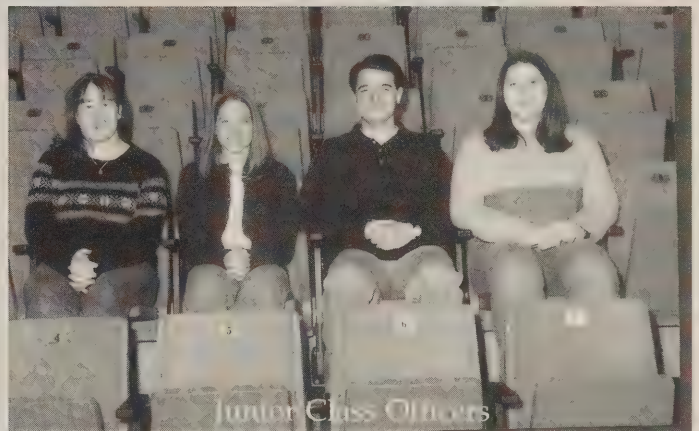
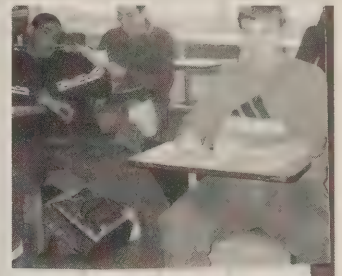
"The class of 2000 is made up of intelligent, unique, and gifted students. I have confidence that success will follow all of us. I am proud to represent the Junior class." - Kristy Joris

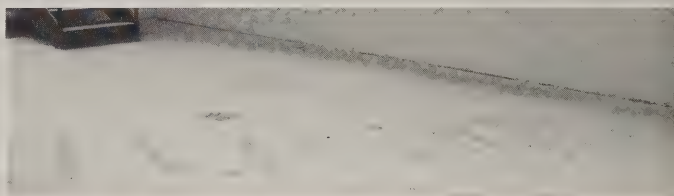
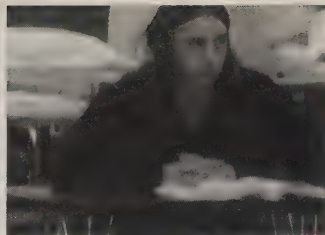


"I think that our Junior class is a really well motivated group of people. Most of them are friendly and easy to get along with and I am proud to call them my friends." - Erin Lucas



"Everyone expects the class of 2000 to be an outstanding group and I believe our Junior class is doing a great job living up to those expectations." - Cassie Carden



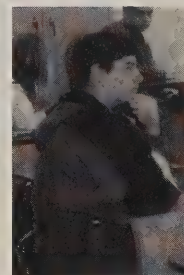
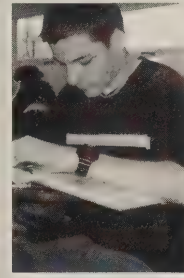


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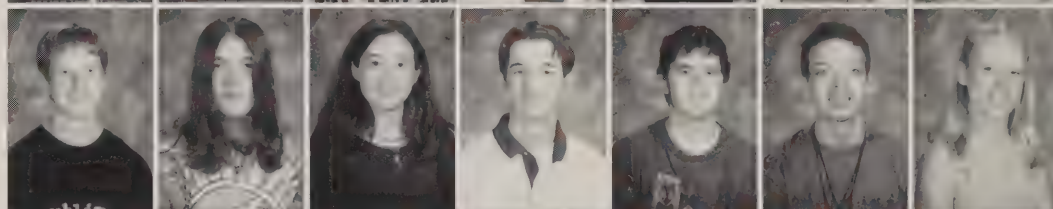
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Josh Frazier



Rachel Fugate
Natasha Garrett
Joey Gasbarri
Sheree Gibbs
Isreal Gibson
Nikki Glover
Micheal Goodell



Sophomores

Today is the Day...



Today is the day that we become new people because today is the day we are no longer freshmen. Today we have new responsibilities that we have never had before. Today is the day that we begin to prepare for college. Today is the day classes become more difficult than ever before. Today is the day that we have homework every single night. Today is the day that we are expected to be examples, role models for a younger class of students. Today is the day that we are one step closer to achieving our goals. Today is the day that we are looked up to by younger students. Today is the day that we are qualified to take more electives. Today is the day that we are taking Driver's Ed so that we can learn how to drive. Today is the day that we can start working. Today is the day that we are one step closer to college. Today is the day that we are sophomores.



BAD HAIR DAY?!-Sophomores **Deonna Fields** and **Ashley Grubb** show off their funky hair styles. **Deonna** shows her school spirit by displaying her orange wig.

WHO NEEDS HELP?-Mrs. **Holcomb's** sophomore Honor's English class show that reading isn't easy. Their class motto is: *What Happens Tomorrow Depends Upon Today.*



Brandie Gragg
Ashely Grubb
Frank Gumm
Keith Hagy
Stephanie Hairston
Ricky Hale
Josh Hall

Stephen Hamrick
Ben Harrison
Wayne Hartley
John Harvey
Sham Hatcher
Rebekah Hay
Samantha Hayter

Jessica Heath
Elizabeth Helton
Natasha Hernandez
Brian Hicks
Brian Hill
Joe Hill
Casey Huffman

Sophomores: Hughes - Somerville

Aja Hughes
Carissa Hughes
Taylor Hughes
Jonathan Ingram
Antonio Jackson
Iginah James
Lee Jones



Scott Jones
Amanda Justice
Jeremy Kennedy
Robert Kieffer
Jessica Lawson
Leigh Lawson
Meridith Lawson



Laura Leonard
Todd Leonard
Matt Lewis
Issac Litton
Heather Logan
Emily Mays
Jacob McAllister



Grayson McElroy
Andy Moore
Brandon Moore
Jonathan Moore
Michael Moore
Blakely Morris
Chris Morrison



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Ayana Newton
Erica Nophlin
Matt Pfountz
Shawn Phillips
Charlie Pippin



Jennifer Proulex
Jessica Puckett
Beth Ramey
Lindsey Ratcliff
Allison Ratliff
Nikki Rhymer
Billy Roark



Derek Rose
Josie Russell
Kent Sanslow
Leslie Scott
Kathryn Shields
Hope Shockley
Josh Shuler



Tiffany Slagle
T.J. Slagle
Allison Smith
Emily Smith
Skip Smith
Josh Sokolow
Erica Somerville



Sophomores



MMM MMM GOOD!-Sophomores Allison Smith, Sarah Walls, Katie Shields, and Jessica Puckett enjoy their lunch and the warm weather. Lunch, for most, is a time to sit back and relax.

JUST HANGING OUT!- Sophomores Joey Gasbarri, Josie Russell, Josh Frazier, Lindsay Browning, and Andy Moore are just hanging out. Lots of students like to spend their weekends with friends.



Brad Sproles
Michael Stallard
Harold Stallworth
Danny Stanley
Jeremie Statzer
Bret Stringer
Valerie Strouth

Yolanda Stuart
Lisa Tauscher
Jason Taylor
Brittany Triplett
Will Walling
Sarah Walls
Sara Whited

Bobbie Sue Whitley
Josh Wilkenson
Nick Williams
Jarrod Wilson
Michael Witt
Robert Worley
Brian Wright

Jie Zhang



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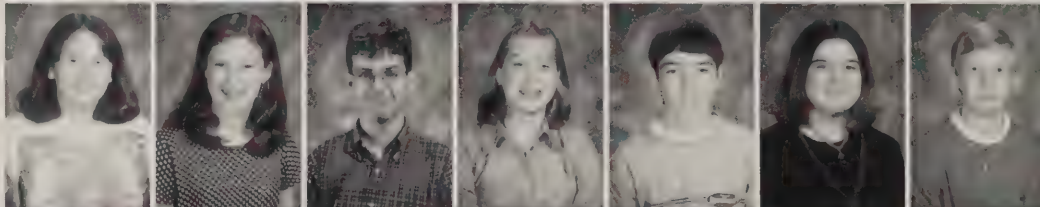


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Balthis, Amanda
Bays, Sara
Beaver, Jason



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Blankenship, Josh
Bohon, Ashley
Bowers, Phillip
Brent, Lisa
Brewer, Stephen



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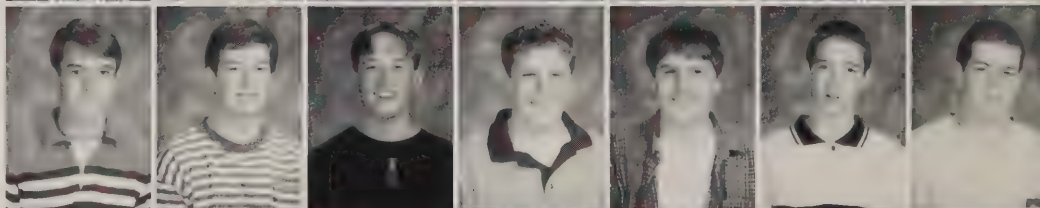
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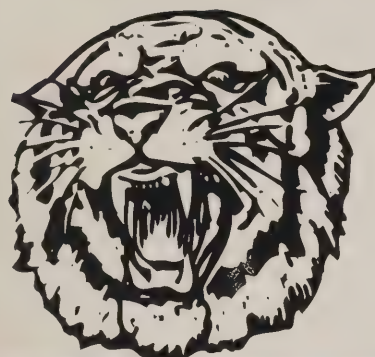
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Hall, Dustin
Harper, Jon
Hartsock, J.
Harvey, Melanie
Hawkins, Mia



Freshmen



Class Favorites

Teacher- 1) Mr. Mitchell 2) Mr. McNulty 3) Mr. Cressel

Music- 1) DMX 2) N-Sync, 2-Pac, Aerosmith, Backstreet Boys, Led Zeppelin, Jay-Z

Class- 1) History 2) Reading, English 3) Math, Gym/Health

Clothing Store- 1) Old Navy 2) Goody's 3) Abercrombie and Fitch

Occupation- 1) Doctor 2) Musician, Singer, Marine/Army 3) Cop, Teacher, Vet

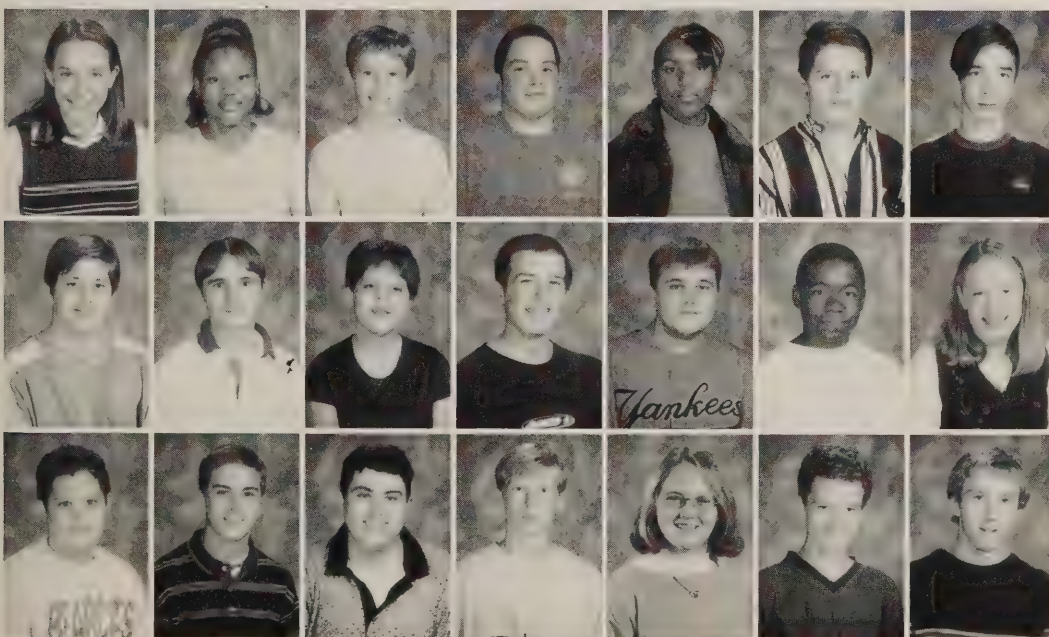


A WHOLE NEW WORLD-

Freshmen **Donald Ashley** and **Adam Yeatts** work on a module pertaining to the biosphere. Principles of Technology is one of the vocational classes available for freshmen.

BUILDING BLOCKS-

Freshman **Jon Frazier** strips a piece of wood in **Mr. Minnick's** wood working class. In this class, students learn the basic skills needed for a career in the wood-working field.



Hearl, Jessica
Henry, Chereese
Hobson, Chase
Honaker, Cody
Hounshell, Anna
Hubbard, Kenneth
Huggins, Joseph

Hurt, James
Jackson, Travis
Jenkins, Michelle
Johnson, Anthony
Johnson, Chad
Johnson, Douglas
Johnson, Jessica

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Justus, Derrick
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Settle, Sedrick
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Shazor, Langley



Smith, Josh
Snyder III, Cal
Stamey, Ashley
Stanley, Ashley
Stout, Tara
Sullins, Amber
Sullins, Ashley



Freshmen



Freshmen class officers led the freshmen body through the many changes they encountered in their transition from middle school to high school. They provided an active voice in the Virginia high School government. The officers helped their fellow classmates start out on the right foot in their journey to success. These officers realized they must provide a solid foundation for the students that will follow them throughout their four years and create many lasting memories.



Sullivan, P.J.Jr.
Sutherland, Keegan
Testerman, Kelly
Tucker, Jermaine
Via, Nova
Volmer, Nick
Wagner, Jessee

Walling, Jessica
Walling, Matt
Wambolt, Bethany
Ward, Betsy
Warfield, Kenneth
Waterman, Maggie
Watkins, Larry Jr.

Weaver, Holly
Weaver, Paul
Wheeler, Amanda
White, Donald
White, Jermey
Whitner, Jared
Widner, Bridget

Widner, Sarah
Widner, William
Wilkey, Chris
Williams, Megan
Wilson, Brittany
Winnie, Chris
Winter, Katie

Wood, Amanda
Worley, Alec
Wright, Jeremy
Yeatts, Adam

Spread Design By
Emily Smith and Kari Callanan

Future International Baccalaureate Students



"I think that the IB program is a very good program that will challenge students and raise the educational standards of our school," says Betsy Ward.



"The IB program has good intentions and is a good program. It requires a lot of work and a certain amount of maturity for the students," states Sally Schneider.

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Matthew Richardson has a 4.33 G.P.A. He presently ranks #1 in the entire freshmen class. Matthew plays on the soccer team for VHS. His favorite class is history and he enjoys playing basketball. He also enjoys working on computers.



Ridley Goodpasture has a 4.286 G.P.A. He ranks #2 in the freshmen class. His favorite subject is world history. This year Ridley swam on the swim team and played soccer for VHS. In his free time he enjoys camping.



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The 1998-1999 Graduation ceremony was indeed one full of many different emotions. As the graduating class of 1999 walked to the annual Pomp and Circumstance March parents, relatives, peers and faculty remembered the many joyous times that they had with this class.

The most heart-warming moment came when senior valedictorian Rosa Kim made a standing ovation speech that commented on the many people that had influenced her life. She thanked her parents, teachers and friends for supporting her in all of her endeavors. "Seoul Korea - my parents left there to give me a better life in America. It was 13 years ago this month that my parents left there to come to the United States. All this I owe to them".

The seniors from this class will take home a world of memories that they will hold in their hearts for many years to come.



The Graduating Class Of 1999

Dreaming of the Future



"Watch out. We are ready for the world, are they ready for us?"

Rosa Kim
Valedictorian



"Tree roots combine with other roots and are weaved together,"

Dr. Andrew E. Spence, Jr. Director
of the Appalachian Counseling
Center

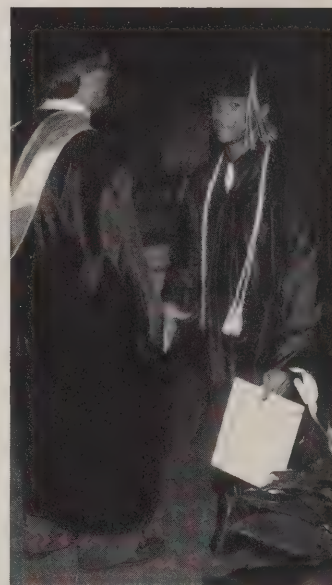
A Friend is a Friend Forever"

The choir sings their tearful songs of remembrances and friendships.



A Helping Hand - Principal Larry

Lusk shakes senior Robert Baker's hand as he passes the gym floor to receive his diploma.



Reflections - Dr. Andrew E. Spence Jr., noted speaker, speaks to the crowd and graduates of the responsibilities that life offers us.

All Girl Party - Ladies of the senior class gather together in the auditorium and say their last good-byes.



The World Awaits Us - Valedictorian Rosa Kim gives a touching speech of the importance of love and friendships in acquiring your goals.

Anticipation - Family, friends and loved ones await outside the auditorium to honor the 1999 graduates



A Gentle Wave - Looking at the photographer, senior Jennifer Mays waves a fondly good-bye to Virginia High.



Marching Towards Victory - Senior Angela Black makes her way through the processional to listen to motivational speakers before she receives her diploma..



A Tearful Tomorrow - While waiting to proceed to the gym seniors find themselves holding back their tears.

Is the World Raedy For Us?



Celebration!!!! - Members of the senior class rejoice with jubilation as they spray confetti throughout the auditorium. Every graduation a moment for students to show their enthusiasm and also sadness at leaving a memorable part of their life behind..



Frantic Four - Four honor seniors, Heather Hicks, Amy Tolley, Amanda Pippin, and Rosa Kim pose for the photographer one last time as seniors.

President's Award for Education
Excellence-U.S. Dept. of Education
Rosa Kim, Sheri Carter, Jon Tauscher

National Honor Society Scholar-Va. High
School National Honor Society
Rosa Kim

National Merit Commended Scholar-
National Merit Scholarship Corp.
Jon Tauscher

Tandy Technology Scholars-Tandy Corp.
Rosa Kim, Sheri Carter, Jon Tauscher

Tandy Outstanding Student Award-Tandy
Corp.
Rosa Kim

National Scholar/Athlete Awards-United
States Army Reserve
Melanie Young, Josh Norton

American Veterans Scholarships-
American Veterans, Post 5
Sarah Cumbow, Amanda Pippin

Elks Best Students Award-Elk National
Foundation, Elks Lodge 232
Rosa Kim

1999 Pamplin Leader-Virginia Tech
Jon Tauscher

Cecil Belcher Scholarships-Bristol
Virginia Education Association
Sarah King

Radiology Associates Most Improved
Student-Blueridge Radiology, P.C.
Shabazz Coleman

Bristol Anesthesia Services Scholarship-
Bristol Anesthesia Services, P.C.
Sarah Cumbow

T.T. Hammack Memorial Award
Tracy Turner

Van Pelt Scholarship-Van Pelt
Elementary School-PTA
Melanie Young

Douglas Alumni Association-Douglas
Alumni
Shabazz Coleman

The A. T. Outlaw Scholarship-Va. High
School PTA
Amy Tolley

Va. High School PTA Scholarships-Va.
High School PTA
Jessica Lee, Josh Norton

Outstanding Art Student-Va. High School
PTA
Justin Norton

Paramount Awards for the Performing
Arts-Paramount Center for the Performing
Arts
Kevin Flannagan, Clint Philbrick

Good Times Are Here to Stay - These students are sitting together eating and enjoying themselves at the Senior Luncheon. They are remembering all the good times they have had and feeling the relief that the stress of school work is over and it is almost time for summer vacation. The luncheon commemorates the accomplishments of the seniors and reminds them of all the hard work they have done in their last four years at Virginia High School.



Hall of Fame - These students were picked by the teachers at Virginia High School as the seniors who balance studies, athletics, and school activities. They are considered all-around good students.



Four Score and Seven Years Ago.... Senior Class President **April Reed** addresses her fellow classmates with a few final words at the Luncheon.



Community Leader - Katie Hall received the Humanitarian Award presented by the Pilot Club. She is a leader in her community and is involved in many community activities.



Two Outstanding Athletes - Both **Melanie Young** and **Josh Norton** were awarded the National Honor Scholarship Award by the United States Army Reserve. They received a medal to commend their athletic ability.

Faculty's Choice - Shabazz Coleman was awarded the Radiology Associates Most Improved Student. The faculty voted on who should receive this award.



Step on down Rosa, You're the next award winner at Virginia High! - Rosa Kim

Kim received many honors at the Luncheon including Highest Average class awards, Best All Around Girl by the Kiwanis Club, and the Rotary Club Science Award to name a few. She has been an exceptional student all four years at Virginia High and this shines through with her honors.



The Row of Honor - Each year many of the prestigious awards given at the Senior Luncheon are sponsored by the community and members of the Virginia High faculty. These awards are displayed in the main entrance leading to the office for passer-bys to view



Handshake of Achievement - Jon Tauscher took away many awards at the Senior Luncheon including the President's Award for Education Excellence.



The seniors involved in the choral program gathered together to sing a selection entitled "My Wish to You." There were many ombre faces and tear-filled eyes as the choir sang with the accompaniment of Mrs. Thomas. Many of these students have been in choir together since their freshmen year and are sure to miss singing with one another.

Science Achievement Award-Smithkline Beecham
Josh Norton

Rotary Club Science Trophy-Va. High Science Dept.
Rosa Kim

Outstanding Senior in Science-Bausch Lomb
Rosa Kim

Ray Hooper Business Education Award-Va. High Future Business Leaders of America
Katie Hall

Highest Average in Math-Rotary Club
Rosa Kim

DAR Good Citizen Award-Fort Chiswell Chapter DAR of Bristol, Va.
Rosa Kim

Highest Average in U.S. Government-Fort Chiswell Chapter DAR of Bristol, Va.
Jessica Lee

Highest Average in A.P. Government-Fort Chiswell Chapter DAR of Bristol, Va.
Sheri Carter

UDC Scholarship for History-United Daughters of the Confederacy
Sheri Carter

Cecil Rasnick Memorial Math Award-Va. High Math Dept.
Rosa Kim

Rotary Club English Trophy-Va. High English Dept.
Melanie Young

Highest Average in Honors/A.P. English-Va. Parrish Study Club
Rosa Kim

Christian Businessmen's Award-Bristol Christian Businessmen's Association
Carmen Jones

Principal's Leadership Award-Herff-Jones, Inc.
Stevan Rainero

Humanitarian Award-Pilot Club
Katie Hall

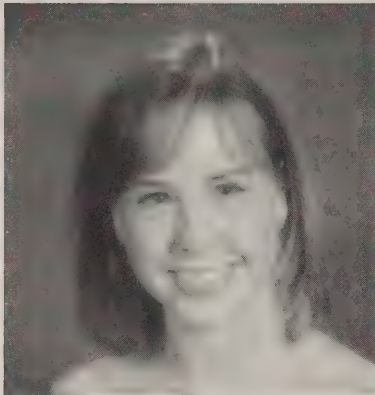
Americanism Award-Hackler-Wood Post 145, The American Legion
Matt Jessee

Faculty Citizenship Awards-Va. High Faculty
Tracy Decker, Adam Armstrong

Best All-Around Girl-Kiwanis Club
Rosa Kim

Best All-Around Boy-Lions Club
Dustin Mullins

Hall of Fame...

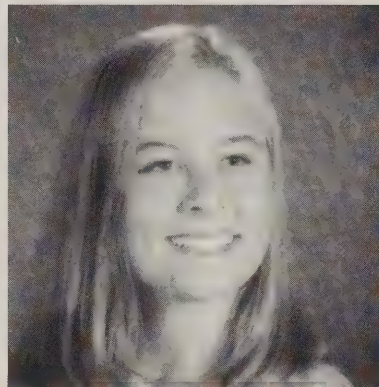


Tracy Decker

"I have enjoyed knowing Tracy for the last three years. During this time I have found her to be an enthusiastic learner in the classroom and a very dedicated and hard-working member of the Prom Committee. While working on the Prom, she would always take any assignment given to her and do it with a smile. I think that with her enthusiasm, positive attitude, and work habits the future holds unlimited possibilities for Tracy."

Linda Kristofek

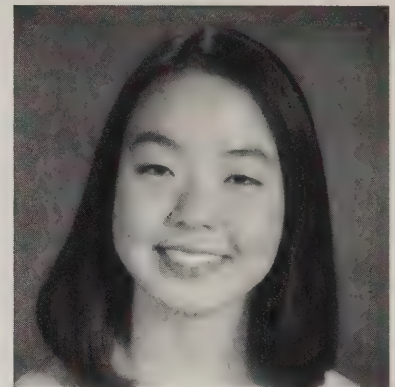
The Hall of Fame has been a long-standing tradition at Virginia High. It is an honor to be selected for this prestigious award, which is a reflection of the faculty's choice of the top ten seniors they believe represent the epitomy of Virginia High School. Students are chosen for their citizenship, academics, sportsmanship, and extracurricular activities. This award is the first award presented at the Senior Luncheon each year.



Ashley Moss

"When I think of Ashley I always think of her very charming personality. She comes across as a very caring person who is well thought of by all here at VHS."

Mr. Mitchell



Rosa Kim

"Recently I asked my students to write in their journals about someone they considered a Renaissance man/woman. Many of the students chose to write about Rosa Kim, and I agree with their assessment. Rosa does it all, and well! She is an accomplished student, musician, athlete, and speaker. She is gifted in language and mathematics, as well as many other subjects. She is also a kind, caring, compassionate human being with keen insight and a delightful sense of humor. She has earned the respect of her peers and teachers, and we expect great accomplishments from her."

Miss Propst



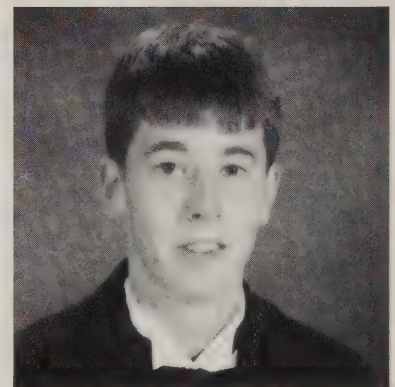
Dustin Mullins

"Dustin work ethic and natural ability made him one of the finest players I have coached, I wish I had ten more just like him."

Michael Locke

Nominees...

Kristen Alley	Laura Ford
Adam Armstrong	Jack Goodson
Alyson Bowman	Jessica Grogan
Nikki Campbell	Heather Hicks
Sheri Carter	Matt Jessee
Shabazz Coleman	Carmen Jones
Leslie Corum	Sarah King
Sarah Cumbow	Troy Kidd
Ryan Dunn	Christy Lawson

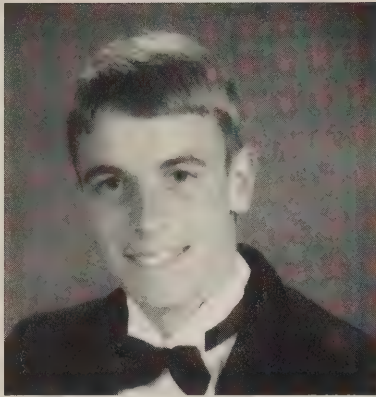


Josh Norton

"Josh is the student-athlete every teacher and coach enjoys. He's disciplined, motivated, a hard worker, and persistent. Josh has gone through three and a third years of injuries and setbacks, but he didn't let it get the best of him. His patience and hard work will blossom someday. I pray that Josh will have continued success with all he will do with his life. May God be with you."

Coach Worley

A Great Accomplishment



Justin Norton

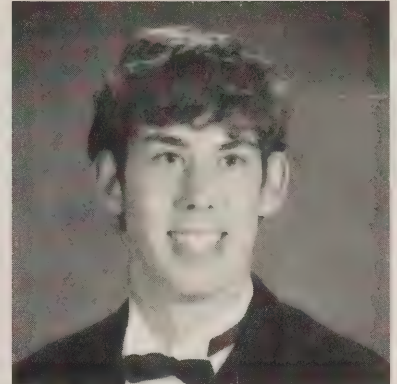
"I had the pleasure of having Justin as a member of my publications class for three years. During these years I have seen Justin grow into an extremely talented, self disciplined, and motivated student. Along with his academic, artistic, and athletic abilities he also displays a wonderful sense of humor that has helped through many struggles within our publications. Although many students will cross my path during my teaching, few will be able to match the fondness and respect that I have for Justin and his many talents."

Kristin Palmer

...And More Nominees

Jessica Lee
Seth McDonald
Thomas Moore
Justin Peters
Clint Philbrick
Amanda Pippin
Suzanne Senter
Morgan Sensky

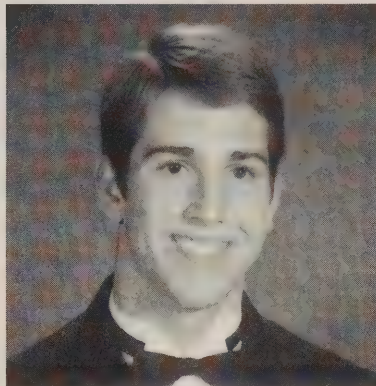
Lea Sims
Jon Tauscher
Cassandra Taylor
Kacey Wilson



Forrest Pauley

"During my 26 years at Virginia High School, I have taught many young men and women. Some of the students I will remember, and some I will forget, but one young man I will especially remember is Forrest Pauley. He reminds me of a gentle giant because he always does his work with a smile even when others around him are often frantic or grumpy about a test or project. Forrest is a very intelligent young man with an athletic talent. Whatever Forrest sets as his goals, I know he will achieve each and every one of them whether they involve the classroom or the ball court. May you, Forrest, have a successful future. I will fondly miss you as a student next year. God bless you ..."

Mrs. Sams



Stevan Rainero

"Stevan Rainero is a bright and personable young man with natural leadership abilities. He leads by example because he has made the effort to involve himself in all phases of life at VHS - academic, athletic, and extra-curricular. Stevan has made a commitment to improve the quality of life at his school and in his community. He has made a difference."

Sherry Johnson



Amy Tolley

"Amy Tolley is an excellent student who exhibits intellectual integrity. She is a leader in her class, her school and community."

Amy has led the Beta Club this year as president and was elected to city council for youth-in-government day. She is a talented dancer and diver. Amy is indeed a well-rounded young lady."

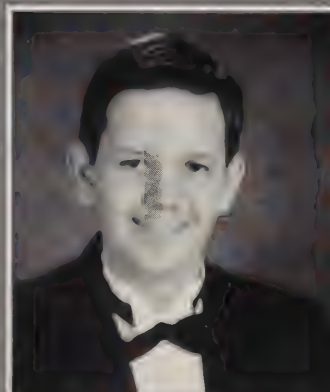
Ms. Whitley



Melanie Young

"Melanie Young is a student for whom I have always had the highest admiration and respect. She is a dedicated, hard-working, talented scholar and athlete whose faith and sense of humor give her a uniquely positive outlook. She is destined for success!"

Miss Propst



The Royal Court

Ten Seniors Receive Highest Honors in Academics

Graduating in the Top Ten of a class is truly a fantastic feat. This is determined by an average of the student's GPA throughout his or her eight semesters of high school. This year's Top Ten have GPAs ranging from 4.3 to 3.9. This shows that these seniors are truly dedicated to their education and plan to attend a higher center of education. Virginia High wishes all of these seniors the best of luck and know that they will represent our school with the greatest pride.



Top Ten- Rosa Kim, Sheri Carter, Jonathan Tauscher, Amy Tolley, Josh Norton, Heather Hicks, Jessica Grogan, Carmen Jones, Stevan Rainero, Amanda Pippin.

1. **Rosa Kim-** upon graduation will attend college at Dartmouth. She plans to study medicine. Rosa attributes her success in high school to her parents, friends, and teachers.

2. **Sheri Carter-** upon graduation will attend college at the University of Virginia. She plans to study political science and history. Sheri attributes her success in high school to herself.

3. **Jonathan Tauscher-** upon graduation will attend Virginia Tech. He plans to study computer science. Jon attributes his success in high school to his hardwork.

4. **Amy Tolley-** upon graduation will attend Clemson University. She plans to study hotel and restaurant management. Amy attributes her success in high school to her parents.

5. **Josh Norton-** upon graduation will be attending Virginia Tech. He plans to study engineering. Josh attributes his success in high school to his teachers, parents, and The Learning Channel.

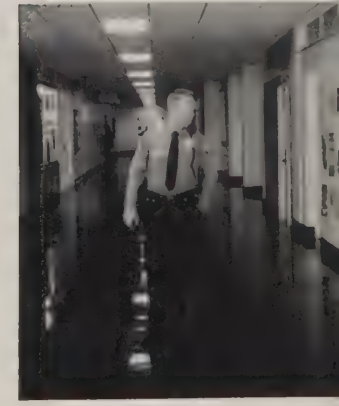
6. **Heather Hicks-** is undecided where she will attend college and has yet decided what she will study. Heather attributes her success in high school to her parents, teachers, and friends.

7. **Jessica Grogan-** upon graduation will attend Virginia Tech. She plans to study business. Jessica attributes her success in high school to herself.

8. **Carmen Jones-** upon graduation will attend college at Bridgewater College. She plans to major in psychology and minor in education. Carmen attributes her success in high school to her mother and father's constant support.

9. **Stevan Rainero-** upon graduation will be attending college at the University of Virginia. He plans to study international business. Stevan attributes his success in high school to his parents because they are always pushing him to do his best.

10. **Amanda Pippin-** upon graduation will be attending college at Gardner-Webb University. She plans to study Christian counseling. Amanda attributes her success in high school to her family and their encouragements.

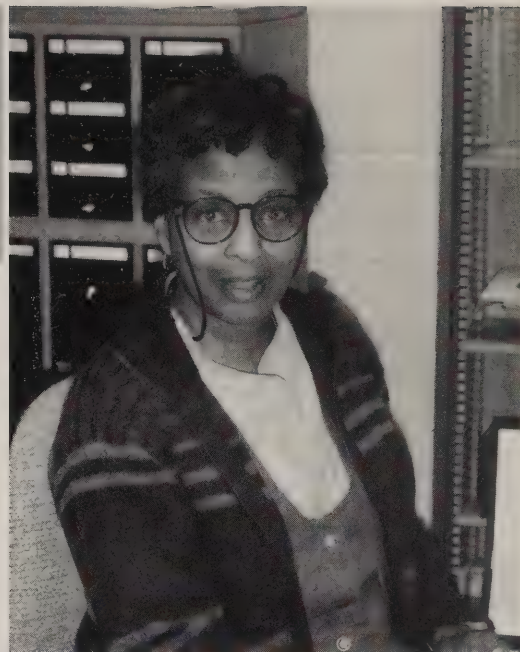




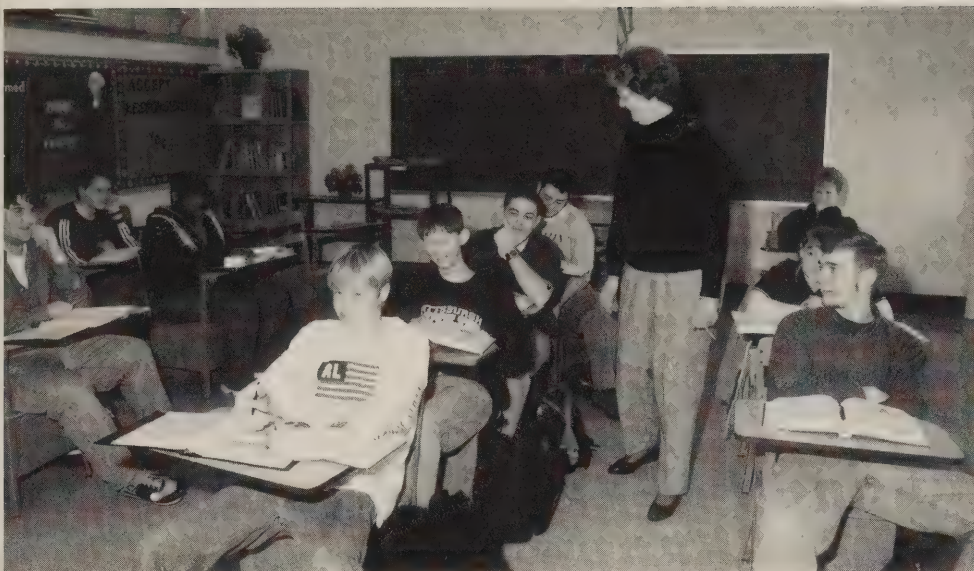
1998-1999 Dedication

Mrs. Saunders

The 1998-1999 yearbook is dedicated to Mrs. Millie Saunders for her years of service to Virginia High School. Mrs. Saunders has been a librarian at Virginia High School for 31 years. A graduate of Bennett College with a B.S. in Education, she taught Home Economics for eight years in Elizabethton, TN before coming to Bristol and accepting a librarian position at Virginia High School. When the library was updated with computers, Mrs. Saunders took classes to learn more about the new technology at Richlands Community College and several here at the high school. Recently she received a technology certificate from UVA. Some of her favorite things about being a librarian are processing new books, learning about the computers, and working with kids. She enjoys reading biographies and doing community and church work in her spare time.



When asked if there was anyone who had inspired her along the way Mrs. Saunders replied "All the teachers motivate and stimulate me to keep me on my toes." Thank you, Mrs. Saunders, for all of your hard work and dedication to Virginia High School.



Ms. Whitley

The 1998-1999 Virginia High School yearbook is also dedicated to Ms. Nancy Whitley. Ms. Whitley has been a teacher at Virginia High for 35 years. During these 35 years she has taught English, government, and sociology. Ms. Whitley is originally from Saltville, Virginia and is a graduate from James Madison University. During her years at Virginia High School she has experienced the environmental changes in the school and has also seen many changes in the students around her.

Ms. Whitley's favorite part about her job is being able to work with her students. She says, "They keep me young and spirited."

In her spare time, Ms. Whitley enjoys working in her yard and interior decorating.

The 1998-1999 Journalism Staff would like to say thank you to Ms. Whitley for her many years of service to Virginia High School.





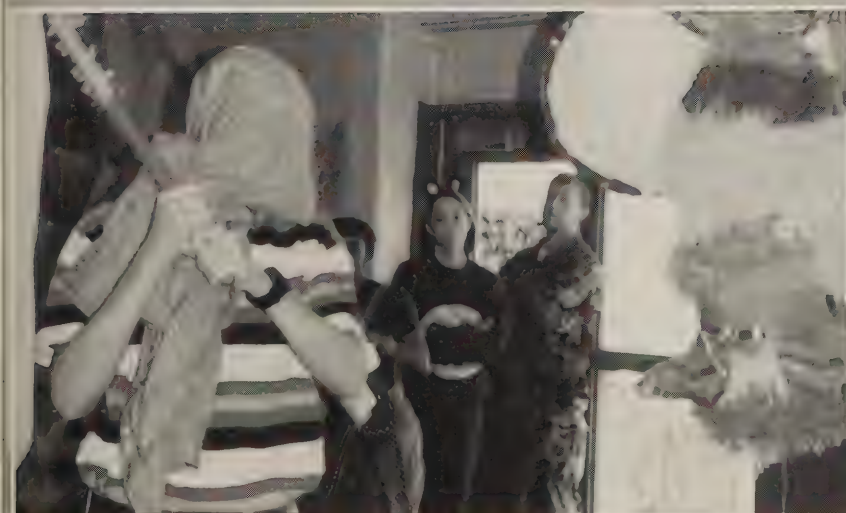
any of the people that dwell in this stupendous land are involved in organized groups. These groups, or guilds, consist of academics, honorary, and community sections. The people of these guilds come together and interact in a friendly manner. These guilds help the land by sponsoring events, raising money, and participating in area festivals. The guilds contribute to the fun and excitement of Virginia High School. Without these organizations, student life would no longer be a rewarding memory that students could carry on with them throughout their future endeavors.



Say Ahhh! - S.A.D.D. President **Ashley Moss** and sponsor **Sargeant Maples** discuss what will be on the agenda for the rest of the year. Club presidents are responsible for keeping the meetings in order and under control.

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea-

This picture, taken by DECA sponsor **Annette Acuff**, is of a manatee at Sea World. Three DECA students from Virginia High were selected to attend the national competition in Orlando, Florida.



Where am I - Spanish Club member **John Friend** takes a whack at the piñata during a meeting in V-T- Week. Clubs often held after school functions for events such as V-T Week.

BETA

Front Row: President-Amy Tolley, Secretary-Rosa Kim, Vice President-Heather Hicks, Treasurer-Melanie Young, Sargeant at Arms-Jessica Lee. 2nd Row: Amanda Pippin, Ashley Moss, Josh Norton, Tracy Decker, Jessica Grogan, Sheri Carter, Carmen Jones, Sarah King, Clint Philbrick. 3rd Row: Mitch Rainero, Stevan Rainero, Tyler Kirk, John Tauscher, Jack Goodson



Forrest Pauley, Adam Armstrong, Kristen Alley, Alyson Bowman, Dustin Mullins.



National Honor Society

Front Row: Secretary-Heather Hicks, President-Rosa Kim, Vice President-Amy Tolley, Treasurer-Stevan Rainero. 2nd Row: Carmen Jones, Melanie Young, Sarah King, Jessica Lee, Amanda Pippin, Ashley Moss



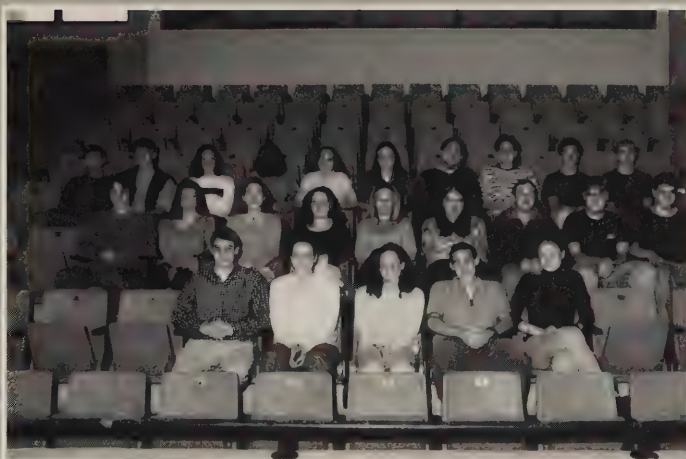
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Art

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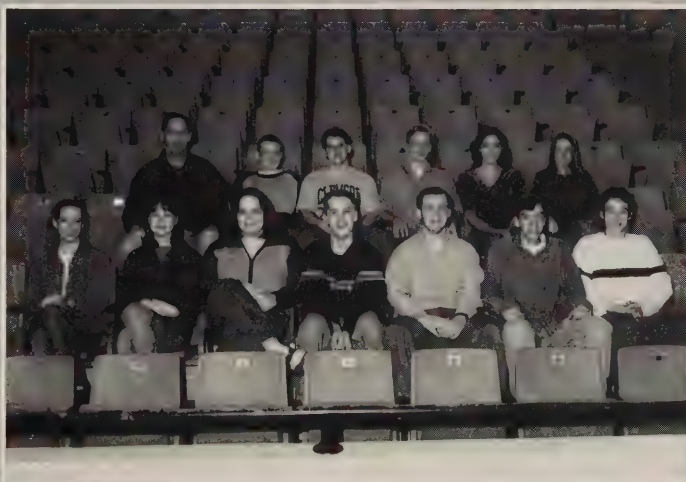
History Club

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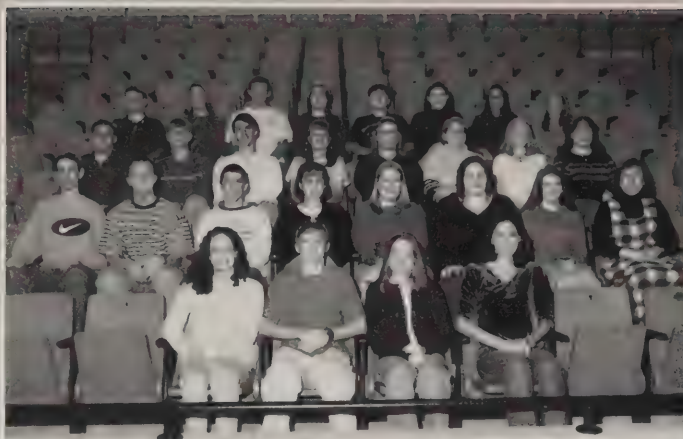
FCA

Front Row: Amanda Pippin, Holly Halstead, Sarah Cumbow, Drew Cumbow, Clint Philbrick. 2nd Row: Advisor-Alex Todd, Michael McInnis, Justin Branson, Natalie Meade.



Latin

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Fourth Row: Jared Whitner, Betsy Ward, Allen Whitner, Ashley Leonard, Jesse Wagner, Clairee Bessell, Sarah Tipton, Paige Smith.

French

Front Row: Treasurer-Reid Barnett, President-Sheri Carter, Vice President-Jessica Grogan, Secretary-Brittany Triplett. Second Row: Hope Shockley, Sarah Walls, Allison Smith, Jessica Puckett, Katie Shields, Kari Callanan, Tracy Teaster. Third Row: Cassie Carden, Megan Williams, Emily Smith, Nick Vollmer, Ridley Goodpasture, David Meade, Jeb Rohr.



Spanish

Front Row: Sharon Johnson-Sponsor, Tyler Kirk-Sergeant at Arms, Jordan Pennington-President, Stevan Rainero-Vice President, Philip Testerman-Treasurer, Laura Ford-Secretary. 2nd Row: Angelique Smith, Holly Halstead, Kristen Helton, Mitchell Simmons, Lindsey Foster, Emily Mays, Melissa Bushwack, Lyndsey Ratcliff, Wes Dulaney, Shawn Davis. 3rd Row: Kathryn Rainero, Amanda Justice, Amy Arnold,



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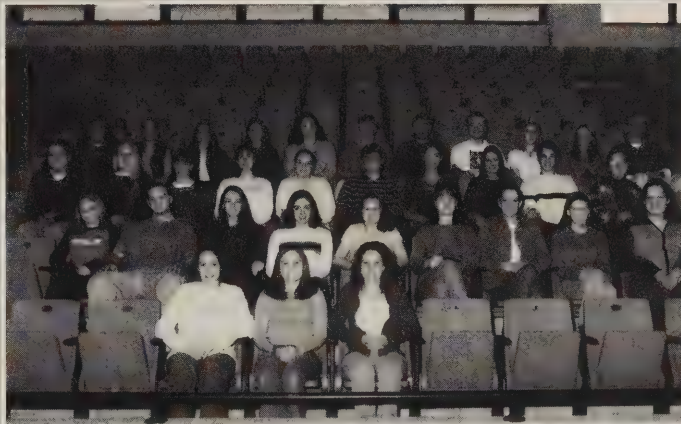
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Amanda Pippin, Jessica Lee, Evan Jones, Todd Rosenbaum.

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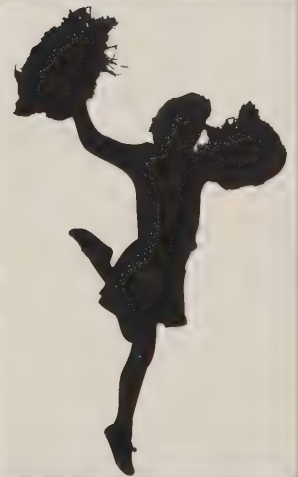
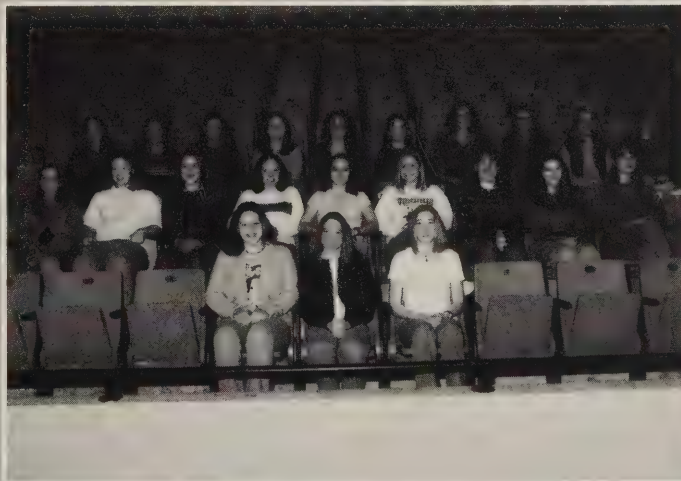
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Tiffany Morrell, Amy Arnold, Scott Leonard, Aaron Tobey, Bryan Morrison, Leigh Evans, Paige Smith, Chris Whiteaker.

Pep Club

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English SWAC

Front Row: Leigh Evans, Erin Lucas, Kaleena Franks. 2nd Row: Sarah Tipton, Hope Shockley, Cassie Carden, Advisor-Carol Propst.



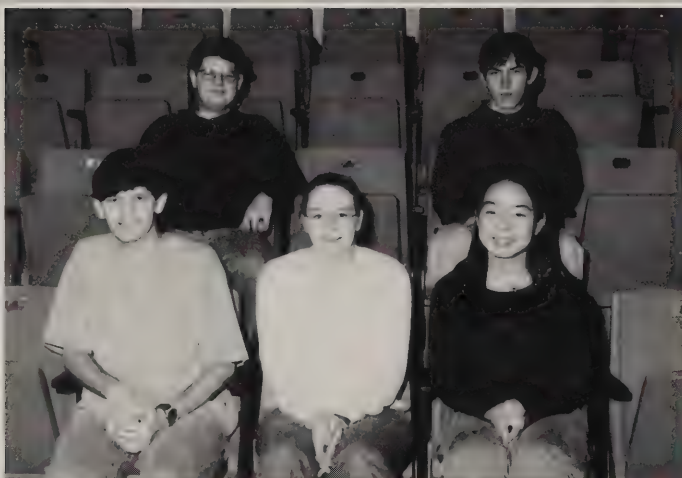
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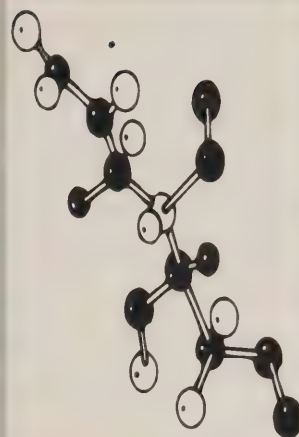
Math SWAC

Front Row: Jon Tauscher, Heather Hicks, Rosa Kim. 2nd Row: Seth Hartsock, Keith Williams.



Science SWAC

Front Row: Reid Barnette, Wes Dulaney, Robert Keiffer. 2nd Row: Ms. Minnick, Jeremy White, Shawna McCrey.



Junior BETA

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FBLA

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DECA Dean

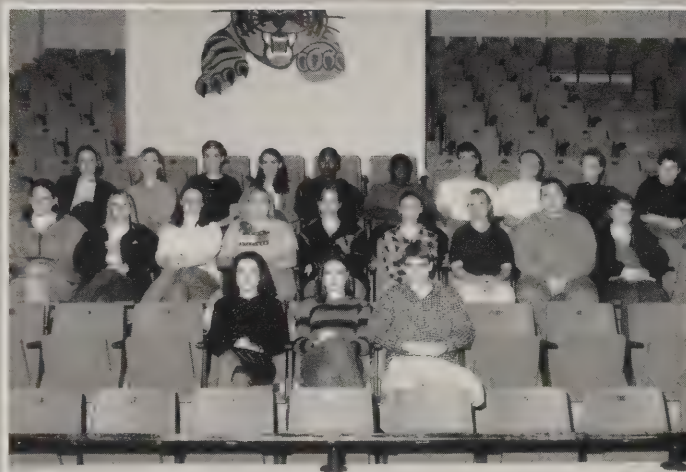
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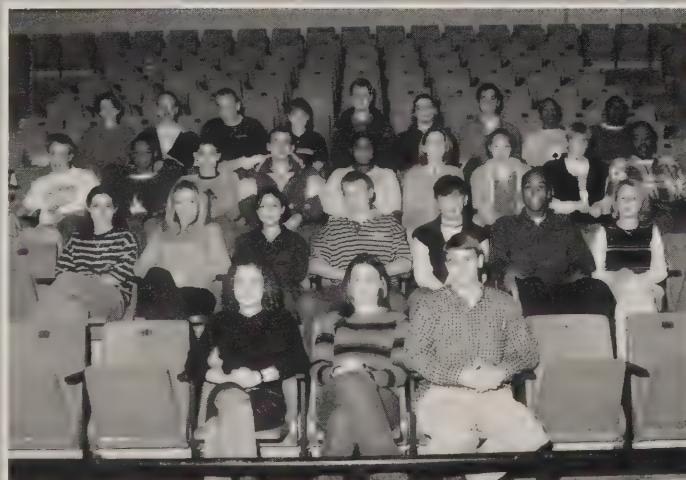
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DECA Jones

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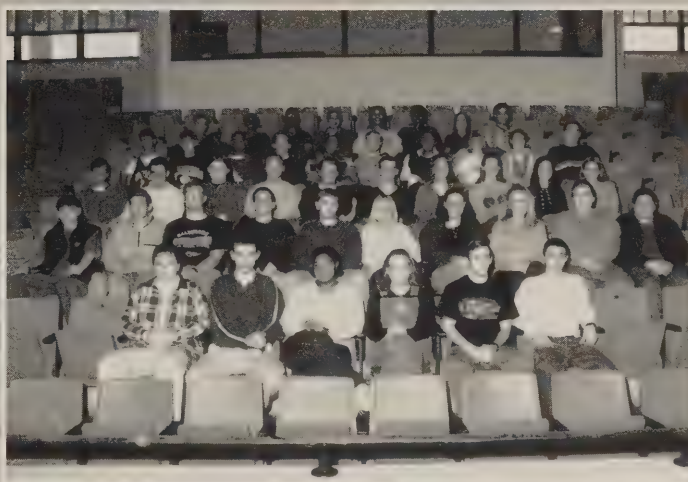
Library

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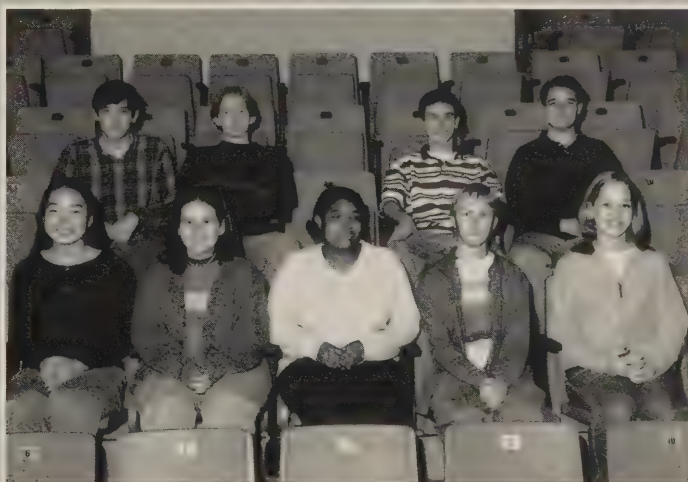
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4th Row: Stevan Pierce, Tracy Turner, Javan Martin, Brent Phillipi, Robert Baker, Matt McClellan, Sherika Turner, Amanda Blaylock, LeAnne Chapman, Will Bledsoe. 5th Row: Chance Oliver, Sheree Gibbs, Yolanda Stewart, Ayana Newton, Deonna Fields, Erika Nophlin, Erika Summerville, Tiffany Carter.

Forensics

Front Row: Rosa Kim, Heather White, Shabazz Coleman, Reid Barnette, Pam Hagy. Second Row: Joe Hill, Brian Hicks, Wes Dulaney, Jordan Pennington.





As our fairy tale comes to its end, one can only think of what has just passed and what lies ahead. After four chapters in the unpredictable tale called high school, our seniors class pulls their emotions together and sit in front of blank sheet of paper ready to start new chapters of their lives. The junior class finds themselves beginning their final chapter, while the sophomores and freshman have just begun to find their place here at Virginia High. When walking through the empty chambers of our castle, memories such as the majestic crowning at Homecoming, the absolute crazy V-T Week, the excellent display of talent and beauty during the Spring Festival, a night of splendor at the Prom, and the emotional end, graduation. These memories are branded into the minds of students, and allow friends to reminisce for years to come. For our ending to this wild journey, we have chosen the classic fairy tale ending...

Justin Norton



1999 Senior Class



Smiling Faces- Students **Mandy Cross** and **Micheal Goodell** work to piece a puzzle together. Working as a team helps students to develop group work skills.

Head Over Hills - Hangin by a thin rope is senior **Stevan Rainero**. This shot was taken out at the South Holston Lake where students are found throughout the spring and summer.



Three Point Stance- With "Mike the Man" placed at his feet, junior **Micheal McInnis** shows off his intimidating football position. Micheal often likes to take abstract poses for the camera.

Bur nin'- Junior **Wilton Goodpasture** and senior **April Reed** remove a crucible from a ring stand. Many labs require a chemical to be burned or heated to perform a reaction.

...And They Lived Happily Ever After.

Chain of Champions - Coaches **Ray Osborne** and **Ed Cressel** pose with their senior crew, at the AA State Wrestling Championships, **John Almany**, **Larry Neese**, **Brad Stophel**, and **Dustin Mullins**. These seniors produced records, championships, and memories

Everybody Get Up! - Getting the crowd going is one of senior **Marcus Goins'** specialties. Marcus was voted Most School Spirited by his senior classmates.



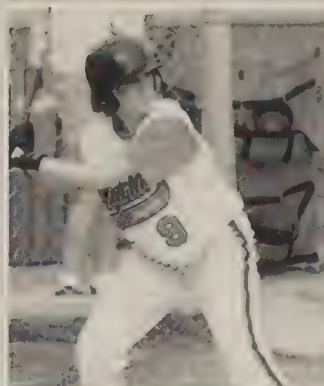
Spectrum of Opportunities - Here at Virginia High we offer various adult education courses such as business trade and industry, along with a comprehensive GED program.

Three's Company - Taking a moment from their relaxing lunch, seniors **Rynnie Horner**, **Josh Kistner**, and **Elena Schiano** show off those pearly whites.





In Your Face! - Showing off their yummy creation, seniors **Katie Hall** and **Lea Sims** participated in WCYB's Spirit Award. Creative ways like this promote Bearcat spirit and lasting memories.



Armed and Ready - With her weapon in hand, senior **Kristen Alley** awaits the pitch during their meeting with Gate City. Our softball team brought home the Highlands District and Region IV title.



Lunch Break- Seniors **Melanie Young**, **Laura Ford**, and **Philip Testerman** relax comfortably before the start of the Senior Luncheon. The luncheon is one of the last time seniors come together as a group.



Absolute Madness - Seniors **Brian Dellinger**, **Thomas Moore**, **Davey Harrison**, and **Stevan Raniero** get together for a quick shot. The week-ends were a time for students kick back and relax.

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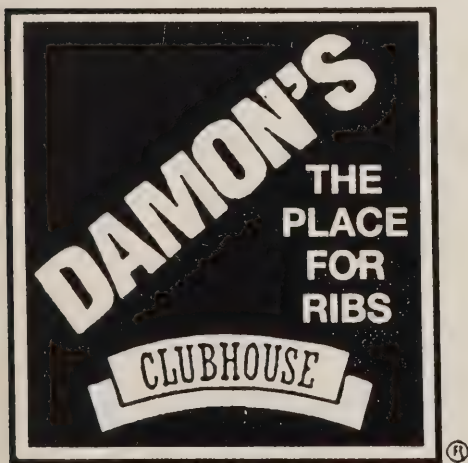
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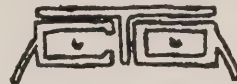
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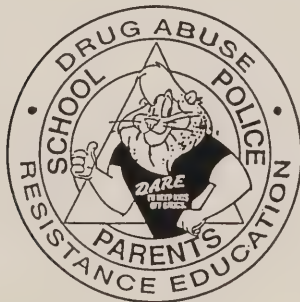
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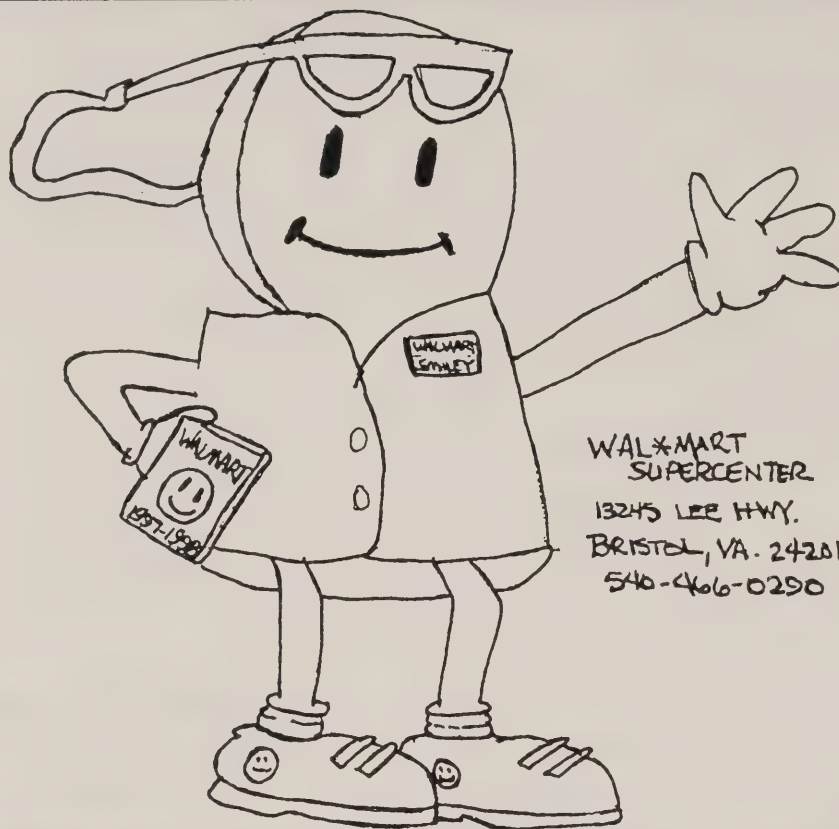
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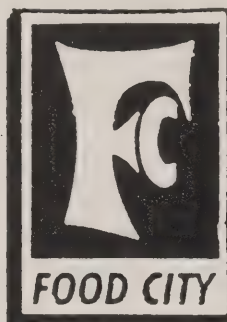
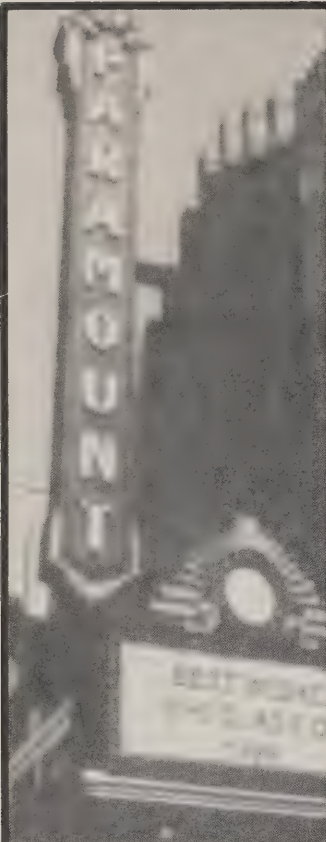
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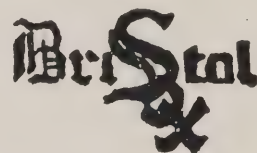


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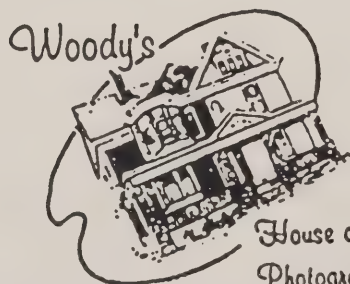
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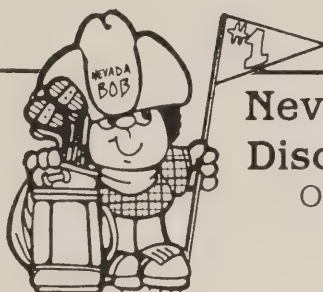
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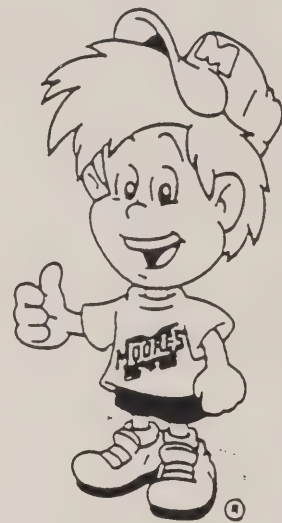
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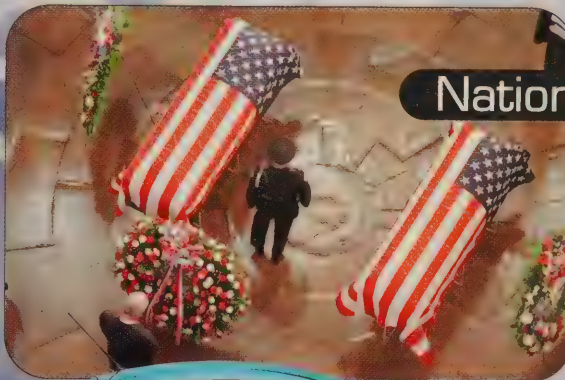
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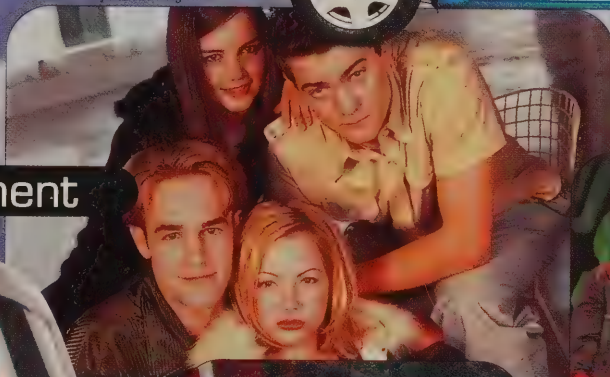
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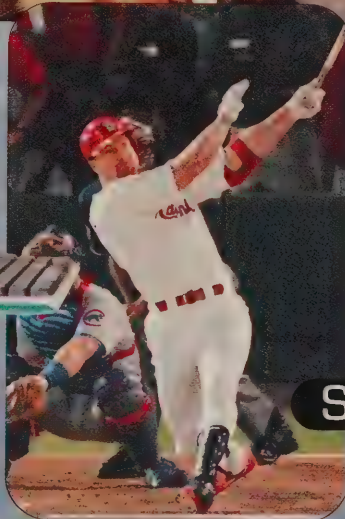


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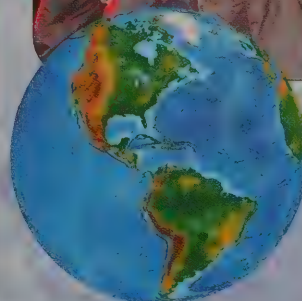
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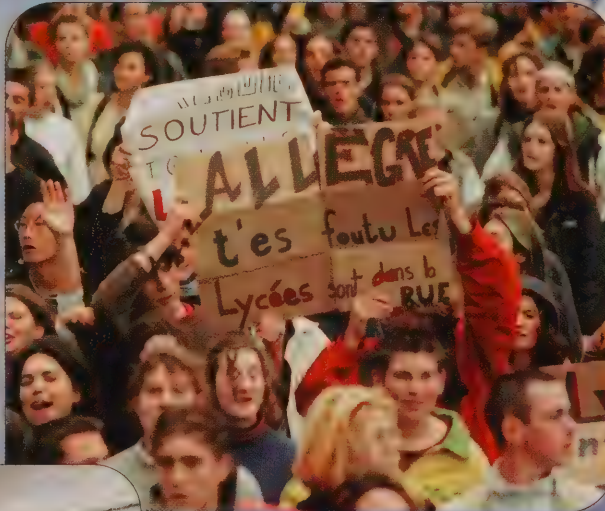
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French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates \$40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.

A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.



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A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.



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After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated \$1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.



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In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.



Baldwin/Sygma

A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.



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In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.

On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.

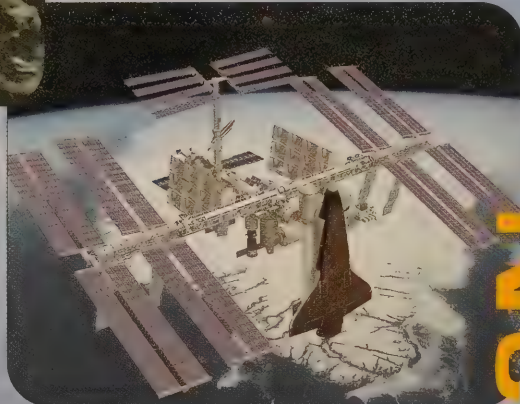
World News

- On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.



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- NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station *Alpha*. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.



NASA



- The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.

- President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.



Gary Hershorn/Reuters



- The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.



AP Photo/Luis Romero

- Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

- After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a \$1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.



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Flash

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.



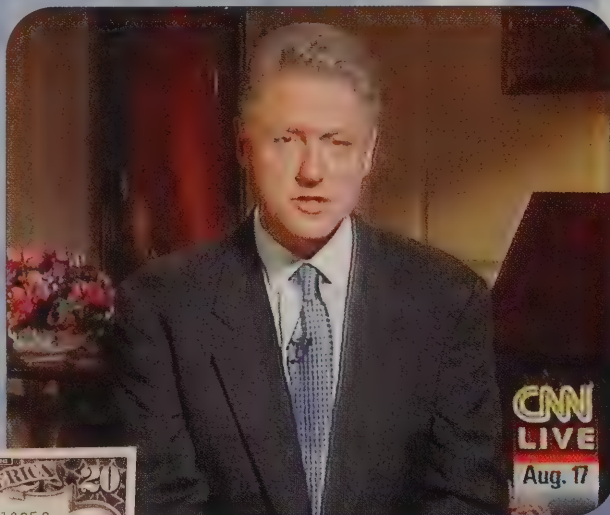
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- On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

National News



- Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

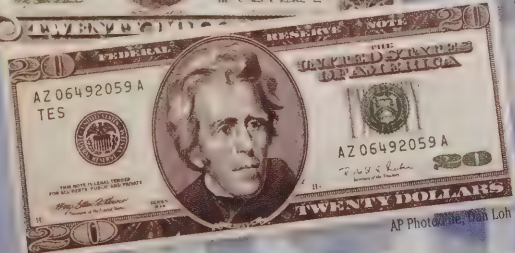


- President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.

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- The U.S. Treasury unveils a new \$20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.



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- President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.



- Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.

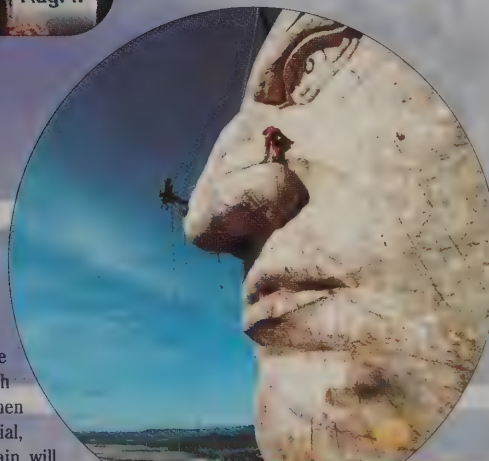


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- A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.



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- After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.



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- In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.

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National News

➤ Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.



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➤ A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.



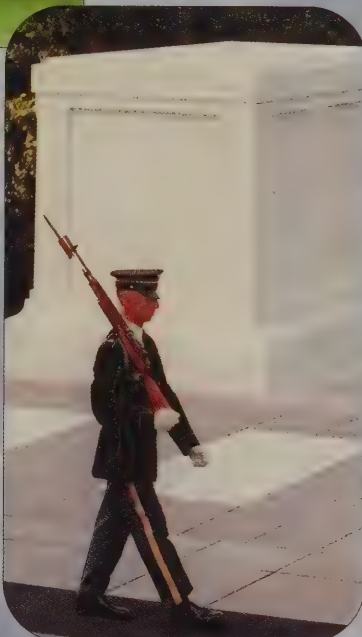
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➤ Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of \$338 million.



➤ Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.



AP Photo/Ruth Fremson

➤ In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blassie, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.



AP Photo/JM Otero

➤ In summer 1998, North Texas temperatures exceed 100 degrees for 45 days. The state's heat death toll climbs to 132 and fires burn over 344,000 acres.

➤ In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over \$131 million in aid.



AP Photo/Dave Martin

➤ Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.



AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett

Flash

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$70 billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.

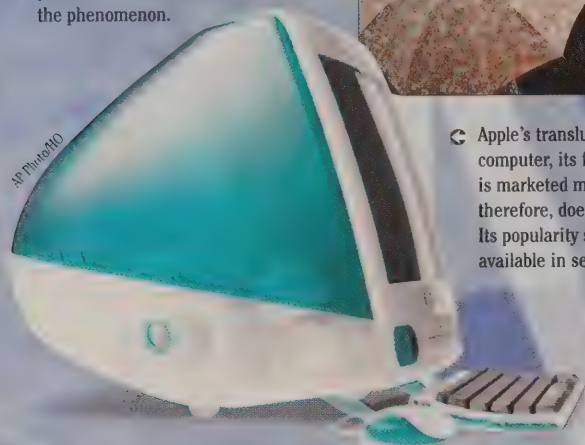
Science News



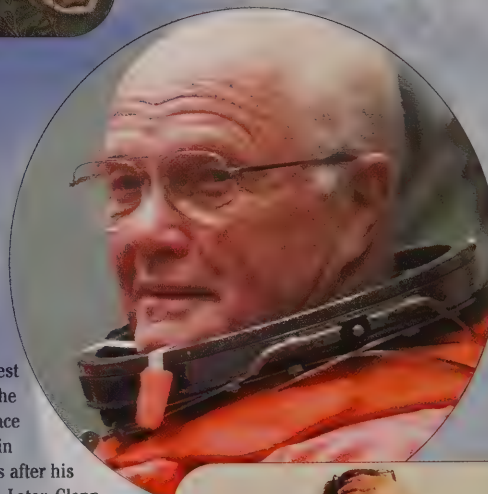
➤ NASA's Lunar Prospector finds scattered pockets of ice beneath the lunar surface. The presence of water could enable astronauts to use the moon as a kind of space-based filling station.



➤ An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are the suspected cause of the phenomenon.



➤ Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.



➤ John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.



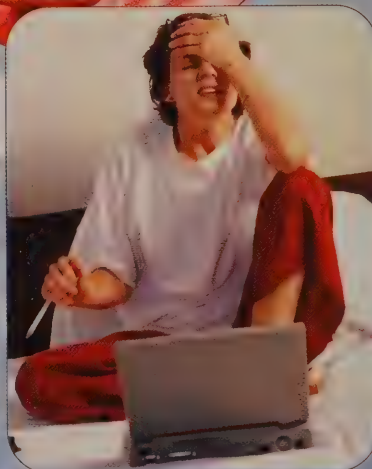
➤ The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.



➤ A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.



➤ Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.



➤ A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.

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➤ The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.



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➤ Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.



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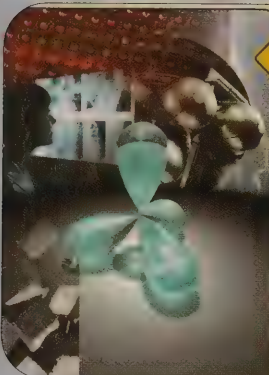


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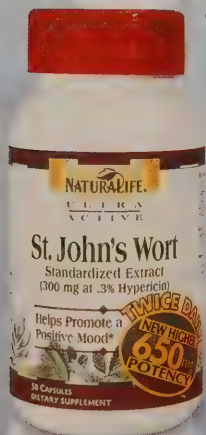
➤ Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

➤ Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.



Purdue University

➤ The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.



Duffin McGee/Reuters

➤ Alan Shepard, the first American in space, dies on July 22 at the age of 74.



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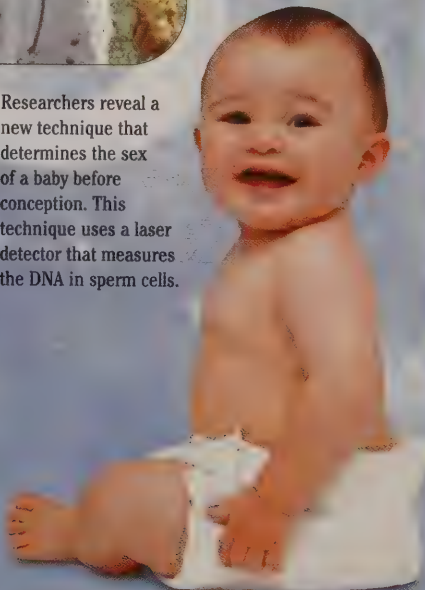
Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCorty discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.

➤ Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.

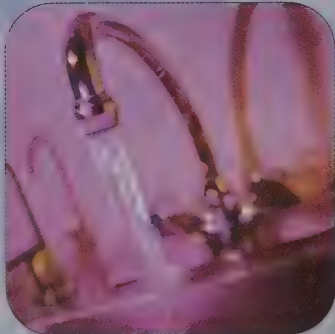


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➤ On August 12, the \$1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.



Lifestyle News



◀ A *USA Today* investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.



AP Photo/Koji Sasahara



AP Photo/Ed Bailey

◀ WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The \$165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

◀ Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.



◀ PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.



Kurt Duncan

◀ Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

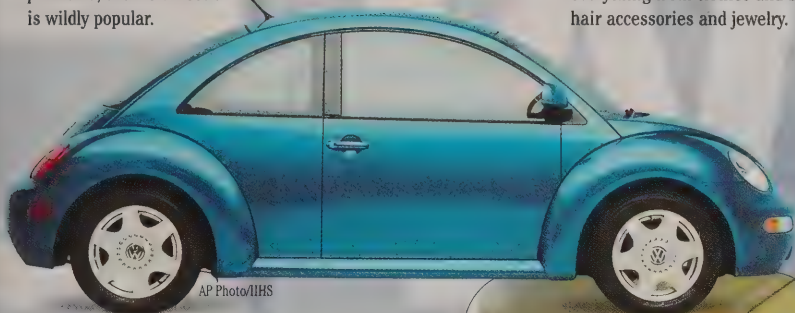


◀ In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.



A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.



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Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.

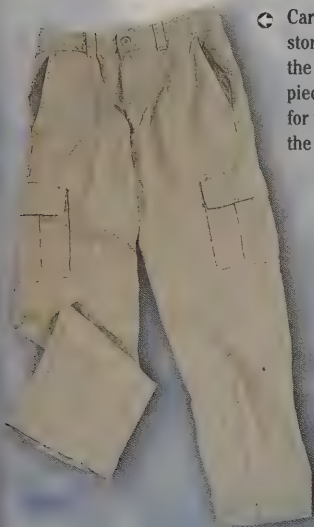


For \$20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.



AP Photo/Susan Ragan

Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.



Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Payroll Corporation

Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check – even for someone without a bank account. The machine “memorizes” facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user’s identity.

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In hopes of reducing the dropout rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation’s first law requiring that high school students be taught mental and emotional skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.



Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool \$600.

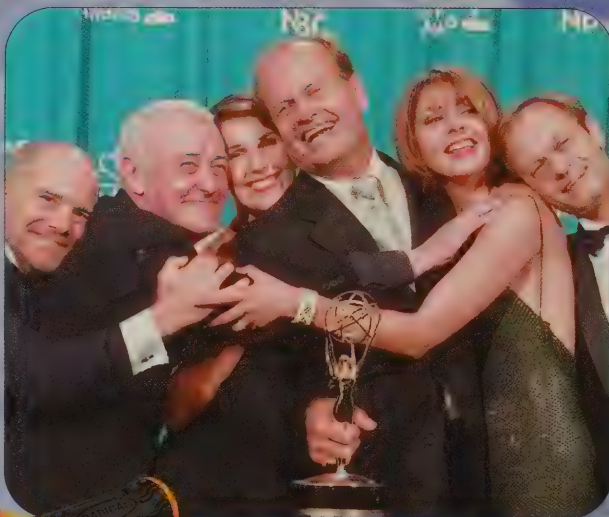
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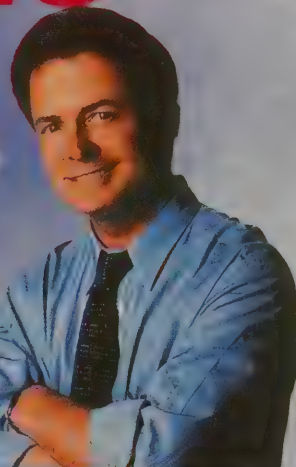


➤ Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."

AP Photo/Reed Saxon



➤ NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.



➤ In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.

Radica Games



➤ Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

➤ Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit *The Waterboy*, which earns a record \$39.1 million in its November opening weekend.



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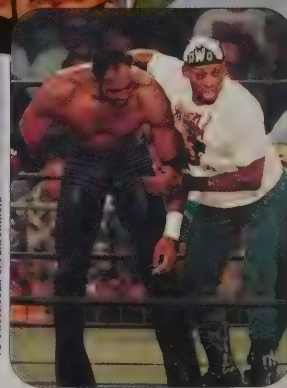


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➤ Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.

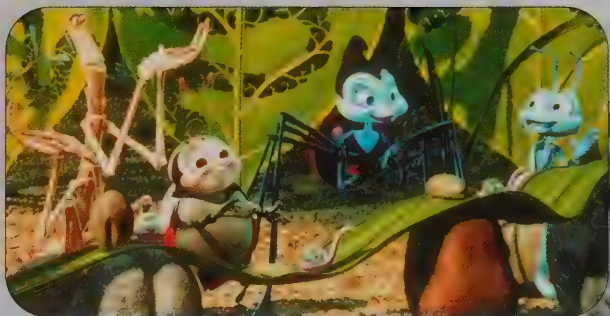
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➤ Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

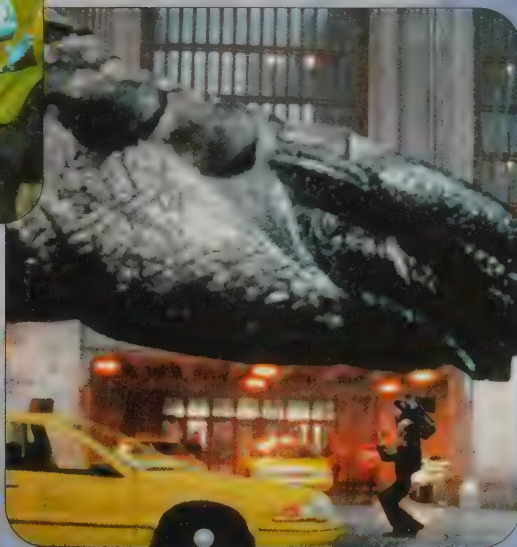
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Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.

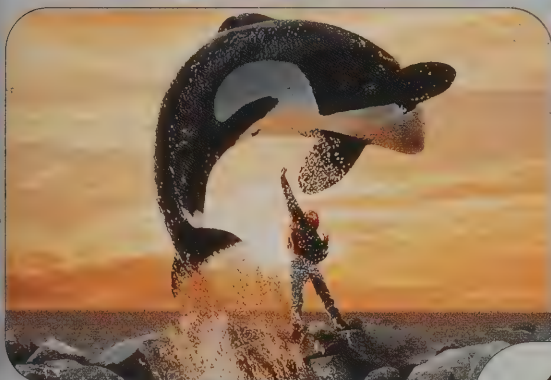


AP Photo/Walt Disney, HO

In May 1998, the much-anticipated movie *Godzilla* opens to disappointing reviews and box office numbers. The epic leaves theaters quickly.



AP Photo/Courtesy Viewpoint Datalabs



In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.

Players of *Vertical Reality*, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.



Dorothy Low/Shooting Star

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.



AP Photo/WB, James Sorenson

The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

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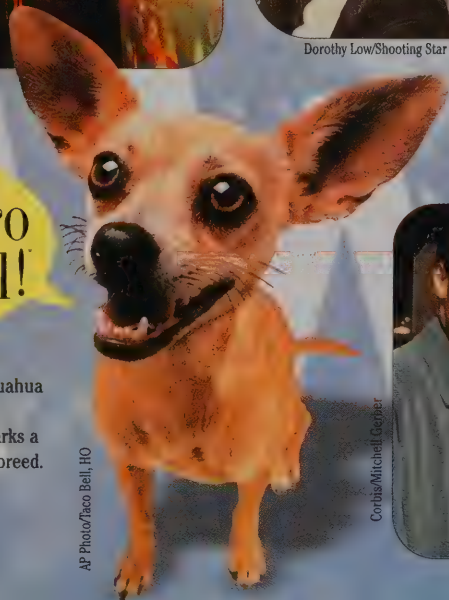
Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include: *Citizen Kane*, 1941; *Casablanca*, 1942; *The Godfather*, 1972; *Gone With the Wind*, 1939; *Lawrence of Arabia*, 1962; *The Wizard of Oz*, 1939; *The Graduate*, 1967; *On the Waterfront*, 1954; *Schindler's List*, 1993; *Singin' in the Rain*, 1952.

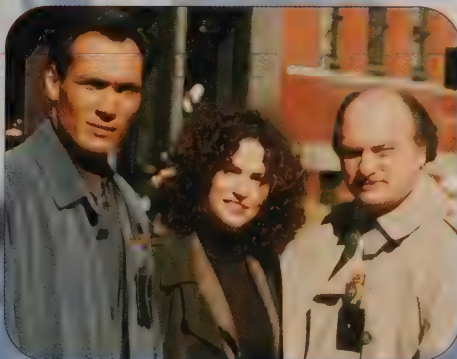
Fans flock to theaters to see the two-movie trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.

¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!

Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.



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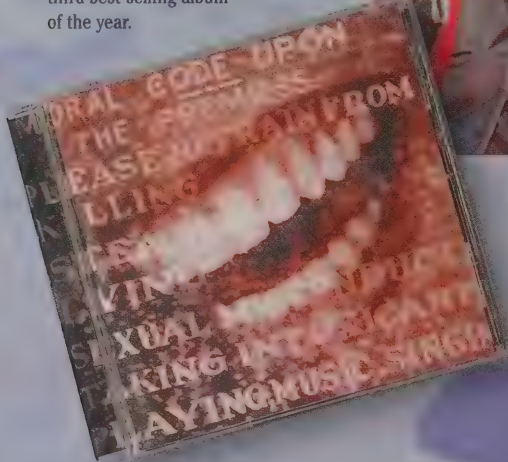
Music News



☛ Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.



☛ Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.



☛ Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

☛ In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.



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☛ The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.



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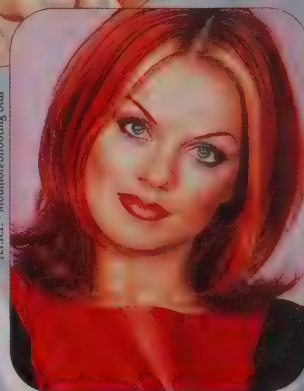
☛ Nineteen-year-old Usher is named *Billboard* Music Awards' Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.



AP Photo/Joey Terrill



☛ Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.



AP Photo - Moulton/Shooting Star

☛ Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

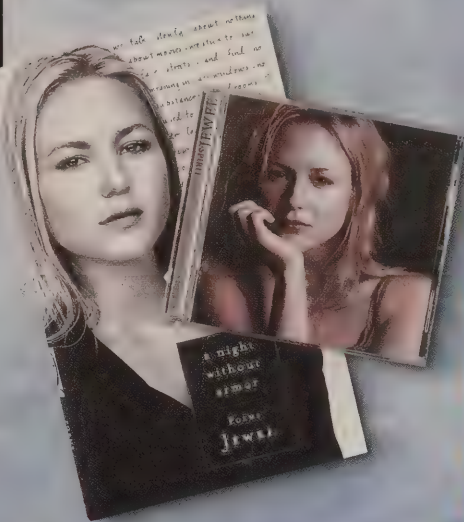
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➤ Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

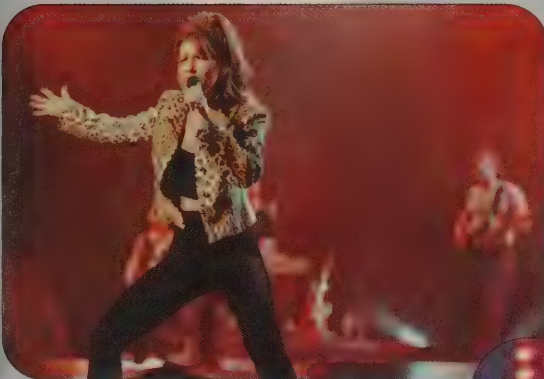


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➤ Jewel scores on two fronts. Her book of poetry, *A Night Without Armor*, makes the New York Times best-seller list, and her album, *Spirit*, is released in November.

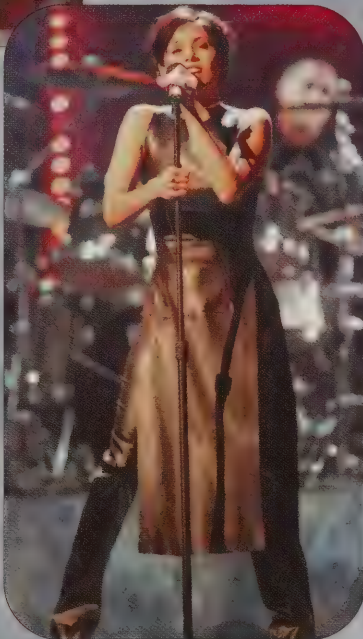


➤ Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.



AP Photo/Michael Otonari

➤ Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, *Left of the Middle*, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."



Reuters/Steve Marcus/Archive Photos

➤ The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.



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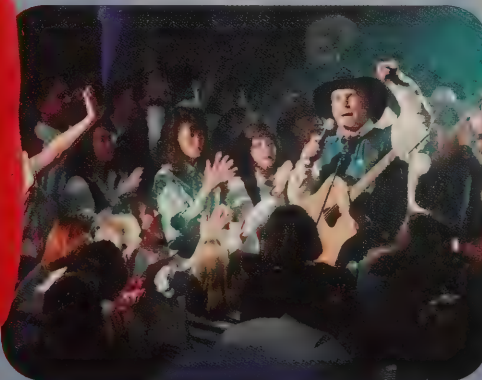
➤ Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie *Armageddon*, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 charts.

➤ Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.



RODA PRESS/Shooting Star

➤ In November, Garth Brooks' new album *Double Live* enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.



AP Photo/GB Management, Jenny Yates

Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include *Titanic* and *Return to Titanic*, *City of Angels*, *Armageddon*, *Hope Floats*, *Dr. Doolittle* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Whitney Houston's *My Love Is Your Love* is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

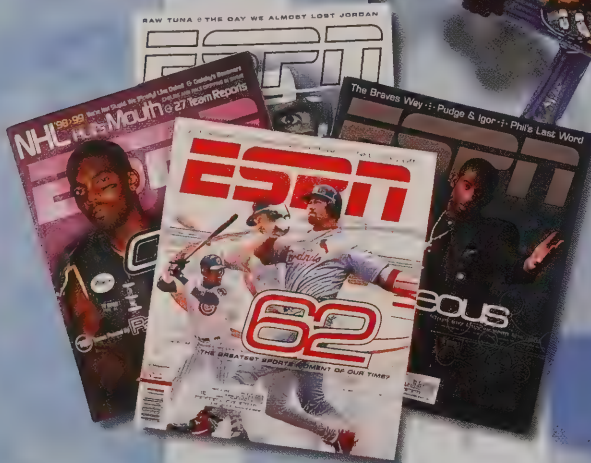
Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

Sports News

Reuters/John Iacono/Archive Photos



- Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.



- In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, *ESPN The Magazine*, to compete with *Sports Illustrated*.

- On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.



AP Photo/Dave Martin

- Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.

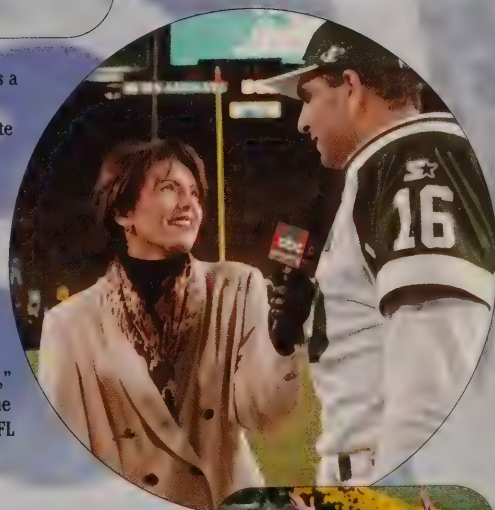


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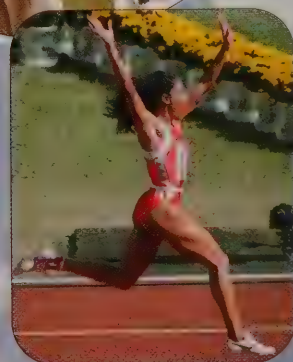
AP Photo/Ric Feld

- Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.



Ida Mae Astute/ABC

- ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.

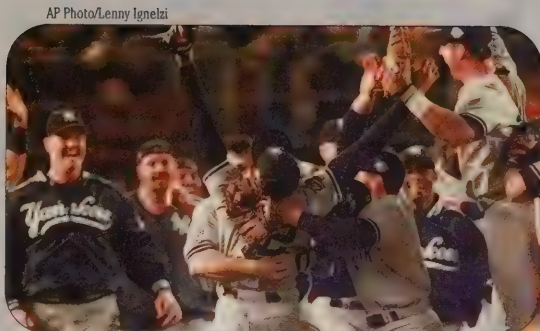


AP Photo/Eric Risberg

- Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

Sports News

➤ In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.



AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

➤ In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Élysées and injures 60 people.



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

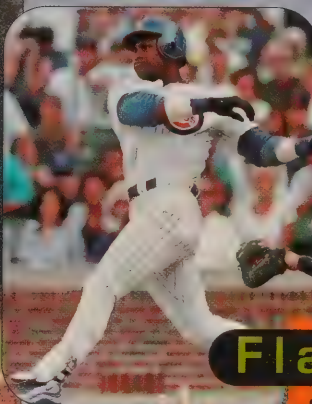
➤ Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.



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➤ St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

Scott Olson/Reuters

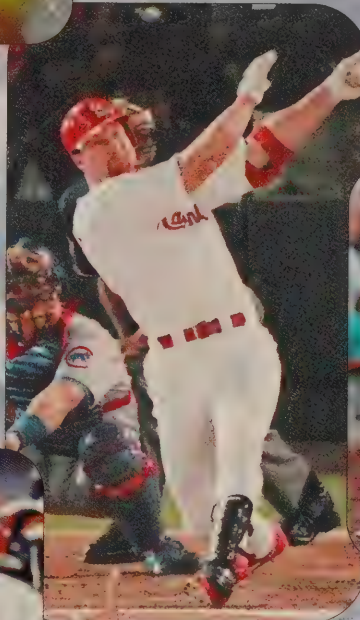


➤ On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.

➤ Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.



AP Photo/Rusty Kennedy



➤ The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.

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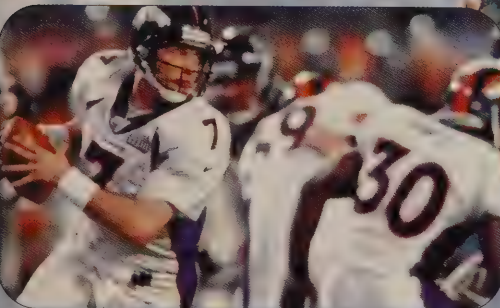
Flash

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.



➤ The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

➤ Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.



AP Photo/Eric Risberg

Faces News



AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast, File

➤ Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.



AP Photo

➤ Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.



Emilie Sommer/Cape Cod Times

➤ After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.

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➤ Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.

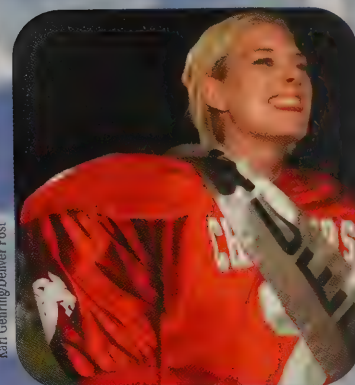


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➤ Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.



AP Photo/Dennis Cook



Karl Gehring/Denver Post

➤ Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is named Chatfield Senior High School's Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.



➤ NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

Flash

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weinlick "advertises" for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Man of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinlick marry the same day.



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